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PALACIOS, APATANG ANNOUNCES:

80-hour work schedule reinstated

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REPORTER

Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang have officially issued a directive restoring the reduced work hours of executive branch employees to 80 hours per pay period.

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Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, left, and Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang during yesterday's press conference at the Governor's Office Conference Room on Capitol Hill.

CUC ON BILL ALLOWING CHCC TO PAY COMMERCIAL RATES:

Charges could be passed onto other customers

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. says that the passage of Senate Bill 23-37, which would essentially allow the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to pay commercial rates instead of government rates, will financially impact

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Manahane case now just a misdemeanor

CHRYSTAL MARINO
Office of the Attorney General Chief Prosecutor Chester Hinds, left, speaks to Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jeffrey I. Norita and Lt. Peter Aldan during the preliminary hearing of suspended officer Troy Manahane last Wednesday at the NMI Superior Court in Susupe.

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CORRESPONDENT

The case against a police officer who allegedly pulled out his gun on a person of interest in a domestic violence case has now been diminished to a misdemeanor case.

Troy Anthony Taman Manahane, a suspended DPS police officer, appeared before the NMI Superior Court

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MPLT financial statements get good marks in audit

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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CORRESPONDENT

The Marianas Public Land Trust has received good audit findings from an independent auditor, which audited its financial statements as of and for the year ended Sept. 30, 2023.

Auditor Ernst & Young found that MPLT's financial

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Local

MTEC school presentations kick off on Rota

The Marianas Tourism Education Council kicked off its annual school outreach last Friday, Oct. 25, at Rota public schools with a sponsorship offer for students who sign up to join the January 2025 Rota Marathon organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

MTEC and the MVA shared their message on the importance of tourism with students at Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High and Sinapalo Elementary. Throughout the presentation students also shared their knowledge of the Marianas tourism industry. MTEC also pledged to cover the registration costs of the first fifteen students who sign up at the MVA Rota office for the Rota Marathon 5K course by the early bird deadline on Thursday, Oct. 31.

"The MTEC board is excited to partner with the young people youth of Rota with this event sponsorship," said MTEC board chair Vicky Benavente. "The Rota Marathon is a chance for the students to engage directly with the tourism and hospitality industry, the MVA, and visitors to their beautiful island. It's a great way for them to experience first-hand that 'tourism is everybody's business,' as we always say. And we know that many youths also volunteer, if they don't run."

MTEC's annual school outreach—conducted alongside the MVA—aims to engage 4th graders, 7th graders, and 10th graders on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota with current information and activities highlighting the Marianas' primary economic driver, how tourism impacts their lives, and ways students can support tourism even at a young age.

The presentation also includes an overview of the work the MVA, including marketing and its annual signature events such as Christmas in the Marianas in December, Rota Marathon in January, and Saipan Marathon in March.

The Rota schools were visited by MTEC board member

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DERA FOR CNMI

- In 2022, the BECQ Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) applied for and received the DERA State Grant, with the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources as the sub-awardee to replace their 2006 Ford New Holland tractor.
- The 2006 Ford New Holland tractor with a Tier 1 engine was replaced by a 2022 John Deere tractor with a Tier 4 engine.
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The Friends of the Arts presents 'An Evening with David Ives'

The Friends of the Arts, Saipan's Community Theatre, will be presenting "An Evening with David Ives" with four one act plays for enjoyment. The productions will be presented at 7pm this Saturday, Nov. 2, and at 3pm this Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Marianas High School Theatre, located in the MHS Main Cafeteria. No entrance fee will be charged but donations will be appreciated.

Ives is a playwright, screenwriter, and novelist. He was born in Chicago in 1950 and educated at Northwestern University and the Yale School of Drama. He began writing plays in the 1970s and achieved his breakthrough success in the 1990s with an evening of one-act plays called "All in the Timing" which ran Off-Broadway for over 600 performances. He has written many full-length plays, including the Broadway production "Venus in Fur." He has adapted French 17th- and 18th-century classical comedies, as well as 33 musicals for New York City's "Encores!" series. Ives has also written short fiction and humor pieces and has taught playwriting and screenwriting at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and at Columbia University.

The Friends of the Arts production coordinator Harold Easton noted that he has always liked David Ives because he felt that Ives makes one think. His plays are like a puzzle—just what is he getting at?—and—when you think you have figured it out, you discover a different direction for your mind to travel.

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Veterans invited to CNMI Veterans and Military Families Month activities

The CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs, under the Office of the Governor, would like to invite all military personnel, veterans, their families, and the entire community to join in honoring and celebrating CNMI Veterans and Military Families Month throughout November 2024.

Additionally, OVA will be commemorating Veterans' Week from Nov. 5-11, 2024.

The week will officially begin with a proclamation signing ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, at 9:30am in the Governor's Conference Room in which all are invited to attend.

As the CNMI approaches Veterans Day, OVA invites everyone to join the Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at 11am. The event will take place at the court of honors in American Memorial Park, Garapan, to pay tribute to veterans for their service and sacrifice.

For more information, contact the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs at (670) 664-2650/51. ***(PR)***

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everyone as the difference will have to be absorbed by other accounts.

Last week, the House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 23-37 which would essentially allow CHCC to pay commercial rates instead of government rates.

During a special board meeting yesterday, CUC chief financial officer Betty Terlaje shared that should the bill become law, it will directly impact other consumers as the difference will have to be absorbed by other rate payers.

"Based on the last three fiscal years' average that we charge CHCC, the variants between the two is $2.8 million. That $2.8 million will have to be distributed elsewhere to be able to capture the cost of services we're providing CHCC. The bill has been passed to the governor and the governor has informed CUC that it awaits it comments," she said.

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last Wednesday for his preliminary hearing before Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho. Manahane, along with his third-party custodian, was accompanied by defense attorney Robert Torres. Office of the Attorney General's Chief Prosecutor Chester Hinds represented the government.

The hearing lasted most of the day and consisted of testimony from the prosecution's witness who had filed the investigation report and arrest warrant DPS Sgt. Jeffrey I. Norita, and arguments from both parties.

During his line of questioning and arguments, Torres prodded Norita to share additional information, which he learned was not documented in Norita's initial filing or reported to the judge who signed the arrest warrant, details including the testimony of police officer Keanu Hosno in the first two interviews with him, which he denied ever seeing Manahane with the gun pointed at the victim, and only heard the duty belt unbuckling, to Norita's relationship ties to the alleged victim.

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statements and the related notes to the financial statements present "fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust at Sept. 30, 2023."

Ernst & Young, which was hired by the CMMI Office of the Public Auditor to conduct the audit, submitted its report to the MPLT Board of Trustees on Oct. 21, 2024.

The independent auditor said the change in MPLT's net position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the USA.

Ernst & Young said in their opinion, the combining statements of net position, of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and of cash flows, the schedules of investments—general fund and park fund and the schedule of administrative expenses compared to budget is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Yesterday Palacios and Apatang invited members of the media and members of the Legislature to the Office of the Governor for a press conference to announce the good news.

Since April 2023, work hours had been reduced to 70 per pay period as part of a comprehensive cost containment strategy to manage revenue shortfall without compromising essential services.

Over a year later, Palacios said the CNMI administration is finally able to revert 700 employees' hours back to 80 starting Nov. 3.

The directive stated that beginning on Nov. 3, 2024 (Pay Period #25), austerity work hour reduction will be lifted and hours restored to 80 hours for all employees affected. Department and agency heads may inform their employees that reduced hours will end on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024.

The directive also provided that Sections 6 through Sections 10 of Directive 2025-001 will remain in effect until lifted.

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MTEC

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Catherine Perry and MVA Community Projects specialist Jack Aranda. Other MTEC Board members are vice chair Glenn Policare (Kanoa Resort), secretary Martin Duenas (MVA), treasurer Larissa Larson, Dr. Galvin Guerrero (Northern Marianas College), Larry Lee, Naomi Nishimura (CNMI Public School System), Gordon Marciano (Pacific Development, Inc.), and Dr. Yunzi Zhang (Northern Marianas College).

For more information or to donate to MTEC, contact MVA Community Projects specialist Jack Aranda at jaranda@mymarianas.com or (670) 664-3200 for more information. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

OFFICE CLOSURE

October 31, 2024

This notice is to inform the General Public that the **Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Central Office in Garapan** and the **CDBG-DR Program Office on the 3rd Floor of the Ladera Building, Beach Road** will be closed on November 07, 2024, from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM for an Agency Wide Professional Development. Normal business operations will resume the following business day (November 08, 2024).

The **NMHC Tinian Field Office** will be closed on November 07, 2024 from 7:30 AM to November 08, 2024 11:30 AM. Normal business hours will resume on November 08, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

The **NMHC Rota Field Office** will be closed on November 06, 2024 from 7:30 AM to November 08, 2024 11:30 AM. Normal business hours will resume on November 08, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

/s/
Zenie P. Mafnas
Corporate Director

18TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan
Via Zoom (see link below)

Agenda[1]

I. Swearing-In of Student Representative
II. Election of Officers
III. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
a. April 5, 2024 Emergency Board Meeting
b. April 26, 2024 Special Board Meeting
c. May 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
d. August 8, 2024 Executive Session Meeting
e. August 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
f. October 21, 2024 Emergency Board Meeting
IV. Public Comments[2]
V. Reports
1. Chair's Report
2. Committee Reports
a. CIP
b. FPA
c. ISA
d. LIA
e. SICPP
f. SARC
g. Internal Auditor
h. Student Representative
3. Commissioner of Education
a. Financial Status Reports
i. Federal
ii. Local
b. Head Start Program
c. Others
VI. Unfinished Business
1. CCLHS Program
2. Organizational Chart
VII. New Business
1. FY 2025 Budget
2. SY 2024-2025 Revised Calendars
a. K-12
b. Early Intervention
c. Head Start/Early Head Start
3. Notice of Proposed Regulations - Nuisance Abatement...
4. MRE PPA Analysis
5. CUC Land Use Dandan Water Tank
6. Marijuana Law
7. Certification & Licensure Matters
a. CLO Report No. 2024-18-06
b. CLO Report No. 2024-18-07
VIII. Executive Session[3]
1. Legal Counsel's Report
2. Personnel
3. Other matters
IX. Miscellaneous
X. Discussion of Agenda for next Board Meeting
XI. Adjournment

[1]Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 926 8362 5717
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[2]Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
[3]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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MANGO

Over 80 members, partners, and stakeholders of Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations pose for a group photo during MANGO's Annual Membership Meeting last Oct. 28 at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.

MANGO hosts successful 4th Annual Membership Meeting

The Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations held its Annual Membership Meeting last Oct. 28 at Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan's Hibiscus Hall, bringing together over 80 members, partners, and stakeholders committed to advancing the work of nonprofits across the Commonwealth.

This year's meeting highlighted MANGO's ongoing dedication to strengthening community-based organizations in the CNMI and featured an agenda packed with exciting updates, collaborative strategies, and an eye toward future growth. Attendees were introduced to MANGO's newly designed logo and an upgraded website, symbolizing the alliance's evolving identity and expanded reach within the region.

During the gathering, MANGO leadership emphasized the importance of robust data collection practices for nonprofits, underscoring how strategic data gathering and analysis can enhance program outcomes, funding prospects, and overall impact. Attendees also engaged in discussions about MANGO's recent meetings with key stakeholders and partners, reinforcing the alliance's commitment to fostering cooperation across sectors.

Looking to the future, MANGO is set to incorporate the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in upcoming trainings, aligning with global best practices to support sustainable progress in the CNMI. This new direction will provide member organizations with a framework to drive meaningful change in areas such as environmental protection, social equity, and economic resilience.

"We are excited about the direction MANGO is heading," said Frances Sablan, executive director for MANGO. "With our new brand, enhanced digital presence, and focus on data-driven strategies and sustainable development, we're better equipped than ever to support our members and create a thriving, resilient community."

The annual membership meeting proved to be an inspiring and productive event, setting the tone for a year of growth and impactful work ahead. MANGO extends heartfelt gratitude to all members, partners, and supporters who attended and contributed to the success of this year's event.

MANGO is a coalition of community-based nonprofits in the CNMI dedicated to supporting indigenous livelihoods, preserving cultural heritage, and promoting environmental stewardship. Through collaborative programs, resources, and advocacy, MANGO empowers local nonprofits to strengthen their communities and advance sustainable development. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-008-25
SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 03, 2024: 4:00 P.M.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-006-25

PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AND REPAIRS FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("the CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal ("the RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide maintenance, service, and repairs to its three (3) Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBB) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning October 18, 2024, at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport, upon a non-refundable payment of $100.00 in cash, cashier's check, or by credit card. Bidders must submit all required documents listed in the RFP Package. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and/or all costs that will be charged the proposer awarded for this project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., November 08, 2024 at the CPA Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential proposers an opportunity to present questions and obtain clarification relative to any facet of this solicitation. While attendance at this conference will not be a prerequisite to submitting a proposal, proposers who intend to submit a proposal are encouraged to attend. Any site visit may be coordinated with Zachary Reyes of the CPA by calling telephone numbers (670)237-6535. Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted in writing through the CPA Airport Manager via email at frank.duenas@cnmiports.com on or before close of business, November 13, 2024.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Preventive Maintenance Service and Repairs of the three (3) Passenger Boarding Bridges, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport /RFP-006-25". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. Local Time, November 19, 2024,** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the submittal deadline shall be rejected and returned unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this RFP; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid/proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the proposal would not be in the best interest of CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This RFP shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

LEO B. TUDELA Date: October 18, 2024
Executive Director

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INVITATION FOR BID
PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-002-25

SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 08, 2024: 2:00 P.M.

"SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF 30 UNITS SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS"

THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) ACCOUNTING OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, DEPARTURE BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING OCTOBER 09, 2024. AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF $100.00 SHALL BE PAID TO CPA BEFORE A BIDDER MAY OBTAIN THE BID PACKAGE. PAYMENTS SHALL BE IN CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD.

PROPOSERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND TWO (2) COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED "SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF 30 UNITS SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (RFP-002-25)" TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON OR BEFORE 2:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 08, 2024. BIDDERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATIONS ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS BID PRICE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION §40-50-1020 AND 1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CPA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS OR PROPOSALS, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CPA.

LEO B. TUDELA DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2024
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SPECIAL ADVERTISING FEATURE

Celebrate National Sandwich Day at Subway

By CHRYSTAL MARINO
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CORRESPONDENT

» Buy-2-get-1-free-footlong promotion on Nov. 3
» Dippers and Sweet Savory and Spicy sub series unveiled

It's National Sandwich Day! And to celebrate, the sandwich artists at your local Subway in Gualo Rai and Chalan Piao will be holding their annual buy-2-get-1-free-footlong promotion on Nov. 3, 2024, and are inviting community members to partake of this delicious celebration!

Patrick Perez, Subway Restaurants of Guam and Saipan director of operations, said that the promotion is taking place at the 14 Subway locations in Guam and two on Saipan. He also shared that the team was excited to also be serving their new menu items, such as the Footlong™ Dippers and the latest Subway Series refresh of chef-created signature subs, the Sweet Savory and Spicy.

The Dippers—Pepperoni & Cheese, Chicken & Cheese and Double Cheese—served with one of Subway's 11 signature sauces, like Honey Mustard, Creamy Sriracha or tangy Peppercorn Ranch are sure to provide dunk-and-chew satisfaction, while the harmonious flavors that you would never have thought worked otherwise are in the Sweet Savory and Spicy sandwiches. These two new permanent menu items at Subway are definitely a must-try.

"Every few months, Subway unveils the newest upgrades and innovations on the Subway menu through the Subway Series Refresh. The 'Sweet, Savory, Spicy' menu consisting of #21 Honey Mustard BBQ Chicken, #22 Spicy Nacho Chicken and #31 Cheesy Garlic Steak are the latest refresh of the Subway Series chef-crafted subs," Perez said.

And for sure, Subway is shaking things up at the Gualo Rai and Chalan Piao branches serving up bold, new flavors on freshly baked breads and inviting customers to dip, crunch, and spice up their everyday meals. Here's what's on the menu for those looking to treat themselves to something a little different.

CHRYSTAL MARINO
Subway Saipan sandwich artist and shop supervisor Damian Lastimado shows what their new Spicy Nacho Chicken sandwich meal and a bag of pepperoni dippers look like at the Chalan Piao restaurant.

If you're on the hunt for a quick, snack size bite that packs a punch, Subway's new Dippers might be your new go-to. Each option offers several iconic Subway flavors wrapped in a lavash flatbread, toasted to golden perfection, and paired with your choice of dipping sauce. For instance, the new Pepperoni & Cheese Dipper is for lovers of classic pepperoni and cheese. This snack delivers with layers of spicy pepperoni and melted American cheese tucked into two 6-inch nutty grained flatbread, ready to pair and dip into your favorite sauce for an added layer of flavor.

Or more of a chicken and cheese fan? Then try the Chicken & Cheese Dipper. Savory and simple with tender strips of chicken and melted cheese rolled up and toasted, this option combines classic flavors with a satisfying crunch. Or how about a Double Cheese Dipper? This one's

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NUTISIAN PUPBLIKU
(October 17, 2024)

Sigun para i Seksiona 5 A. gi "Northern Marianas Housing Corporation" ("NMHC") i "Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR")" na Prugråman "Action Plan" ("AP"), para u manafanungu' i heneråt pupbliku put esti i manmaproponi na "substantial" yan "non-substantial" na amenda siha gi CDBG-DR AP yan para u maná'i i pupbliku tiempu para u fampattisipåo yan i uputunidåt para u famanoppi' gi esti i manmaproponi na amenda siha. I heneråt pupbliku debi na u ma'intrega hålum i upiñon-ñiha gi halum trenta (30) dihas ginen i fetchan pupblikasion nu esti na Nutisia put esti i tinilaika ni manmaproponi siha gi CDBG-DR AP.

I "substantial" na amenda siha manaprisisu yanggin guaha tinilaika gi halum i prugråman benifisiu/"criteria" i kuålifikåo, "addition/deletion" nu i aktibidåt, o sino "reallocation i "substantial amount". I "substantial" na amenda siempri lokkui' prumisisu yanggin kuatkuet na tinilaika siha gi prugråma umupus i singku miyon pesus ($5,000,000). I "substantial" na amenda debi na u pribeni rasonåpbli na uputunidåt (maseha 30 dihas) para upiñon pupbliku.

Todu i tinilaika siha debi na u madukumentu ni Prugråman NMHC's CDBG-DR para u pribeni todu i dos nisisåriu yan rasonåpbli na "justification". Todu i "substantial" na amenda siha siempri ingklusu i mantinattiyi:

1. I eksakto na aidentifikasion nu månu na sinahguan maná'yi, mafunas, pat matulaika;
2. Klåru na diskripsion nu ginen månu/para månu i fundu; yan
3. I más nuebu yan maribisa na "budget" dispues di i "re-allocation" nu i salåppi'.

Gi inåtlabis, i "non-substantial" na amenda siha para i "Action Plan" ti manmasuhetu para påttisipasion siudadanu låo i NMHC madisidi para u ingklusu i "non-substantial" na amenda para i mamensiona na Plånu gi halum esti na Nutisia para infotmasion ha' na rason siha. Yan más, todu i "action plan" na amenda siha siempri managuaha gi website i CNMI CDBG-DR gi www.cnmicdbg-dr.com yan siña machuli' kopia gi ufisinan i NMHC yan i CDBG-DR siha ni gaigi iya Saipan, Tinian, yan Luta para etyi siha i ti siña ma'akses i "Internet". I ninatutungu' i pupbliku mampus impottånti sa' esti na fundu dinipendi meggai gi påttisipasion pupbliku yan i tetenan ni ti matakka' nisisita para u ma'ebalua.

I NMHC siempri ma'usa i mantinattiyi na "avenues/outlets" para u manafanungu' i pupbliku put i Prugråman CDBG-DR:

- Nutisia gi halum gaseta
- Anunsiu Rediu • Social media
- CNMI CDBG-DR website

Uttimu, i NMHC siempri ha chuli' rasonåpbli na manera para u na'siguru na i "very low-, low-," yan "moderateincome" na petsona siha, kuntodu i tåotåo ni gai disibilidåt, i gai inamku' yan i tåotåo ni "Limited English Proficiency (LEP)" na managuaha akses para u más makumprendi i prugråma yan parehu na uputunidåt para u fampattisipåo gi halum esti impottånti na aktibidåt i CDBG-DR ni kumunfotma yan i manmakåtkåtga na "policies" yan "procedures" ni gaigi gi halum i Prugråman CDBG-DR Citizen Participation Plan." I manmamensiona yan kumplidu na "Citizen Participation Plan" siña ma'akses gi website i CNMI CDBG-DR gi: www.cnmi-cdbg-dr.com o sino siña masodda' gi Subsection 4.E.1. Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of the CDBG-DR Action Plan (pages 72 - 74), ni ma amenda. I kopian i "Action Plan", komu ma'amenda ginen esti na tinilaika na priniponi siha, siña ma'akses gi website i CNMI CDBG-DR gi: www.cnmi-cdbg-dr.com o sino siña machuli' kopia gi maseha månu na ufisinan i NMHC iya Saipan, Tinian, yan Luta.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS

INVITATION FOR BIDS
MANAGAHA ISLAND TEMPORARY CONCESSIONS

Submission Deadline: November 8, 2024 at 3pm

The Department of Public Lands (DPL) is inviting qualified vendors to bid for a space within the Exclusive Concession Area (ECA) on Managaha Island, to sell food and drinks, operate a gift shop or offer beach equipment rental.

Available Spots: Food and Drinks Concession – Three (3) stalls available
Gift Shop – One (1) space available
Beach Concession – Two (2) stalls available

The ITB instruction and information package (ITB Packet) is available online at www.dpl.gov.mp. Interested bidders may request an ITB Packet by email referenced **"ITB24-RED001 Managaha Island Temporary Concessions"**.

Questions from bidders regarding the premises and the contents of the ITB Packet must be received, **no later than 4:00 pm on November 6, 2024** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Ms. Teresita A. Santos, Secretary, DPL at the following address:

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Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB24-RED001 MANAGAHA TEMPORARY CONCESSION"**. Two copies of the bid must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 3:00pm ChST, on November 8, 2024. A non-refundable Administrative Processing Fee of Seventy Five Dollars ($75.00)** is required upon submission of a bid and payment must be made through cash or check payable to: Department of Public Lands.

By submitting a proposal, the interested firm agrees to enter into a concession agreement. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All costs associated with preparing a bid are entirely the responsibility of bidders. All proposals shall become the sole property of DPL. DPL reserves the right to cancel or modify this ITB for any or no reason.

/s/ Teresita A. Santos
Secretary

A close up of a sandwich artisan at work at the Subway Chalan Piao restaurant branch.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

SUBWAY

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probably for cheese enthusiasts. With a melty blend of Monterey cheddar and American cheese, all toasted and tucked in that same delicious wrap, it's a warm and gooey snack that's hard to resist.

For those adventurous foodies looking for that full bite, you should try the new Sweet, Savory, and Spicy subs. This new sub lineup offers a chance to dive into a world of flavors from garlicky and cheesy to sweet and smoky. These new options are a tasty break from the everyday, with some combinations that you would never expect, each one stacked high on freshly toasted bread.

The #31 Cheesy Garlic Steak, brings the rich taste of steak and creamy cheddar cheese, paired with green peppers, red onions, and the kick of roasted garlic aioli. A final layer of crunch from Subway's new SubKrunch™ gives this sub a satisfying texture, all on an artisan Italian bread. The #22 Spicy Nacho Chicken is a fiery sub combining rotisserie-style chicken, double cheddar cheese, and layers of spice with jalapeños and Subway's new limited-time Ghost Pepper Bread. Topped with Creamy Sriracha and SubKrunch™, it's the ultimate pick for those who like a serious kick in their meal. Quickly gaining a following is the #22 Honey Mustard BBQ Chicken sub. With a flavor that's both sweet and smoky, the #22 Honey Mustard BBQ Chicken is packed with rotisserie chicken, Monterey cheddar, and fresh veggies, such as lettuce, tomatoes, and pickles, it's a delicious mix of textures and tastes, all served up warm on Artisan Italian bread.

Along with the unveiling of the new menu items is probably Subway's most interesting addon, the SubKrunch™, a first-of-its-kind crunchy topping, created for those craving a flavor boost and finishing touch for any sandwich, wrap, or salad.

"These crispy bits were developed to add an audible crunch to every bite, coated with a savory seasoning and then fried to perfection," Perez said and upon inquiry, *Saipan Tribune* learned that the exact ingredient content remains a sort of secret, as the "precise ingredients are part of a proprietary recipe." According to Subway in an interview with *PEOPLE* magazine, they did share that the main ingredient is corn.

With these new Dippers and Subway Series subs, the Gualo Rai and Chalan Piao Subway locations hope to give residents and visitors a fresh reason to stop by. Whether you're in the mood for a quick snack or a full meal with new twists on beloved flavors, the latest Subway options have something to satisfy every craving.

So, stop by, take a dip, or spice up your subs, salads, wraps or protein bowls—and experience a whole new way to Subway.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-003-25

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 03, 2024 (2:00 P.M.)

"ACQUISITION, PROGRAMMING, & COMMISSIONING OF FIFTEEN (15) BRAND NEW UNITS OF INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT"

THE BID PACKAGE AND OTHER CONTRACT CONSIDERATIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP BEGINNING NOVEMBER 01, 2024 AT THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, 2ND FLOOR, DEPARTURE BUILDING, FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UPON PAYMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF $100. PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE IN CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, CREDIT CARD, OR U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER. ALL APPLICANTS SHALL PAY THE $100.00 TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BID.

BIDDERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND TWO (2) COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED "ACQUISITION, PROGRAMMING, & COMMISSIONING OF FIFTEEN (15) BRAND NEW UNITS OF INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT **(IFB-003-25)**" TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON OR BEFORE 2:00 P.M., DECEMBER 03, 2024. BIDDERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATIONS ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS BID PRICE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION §40-50-1020 AND 1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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WENDI PRATER
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE: _____

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-005-25
SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2024: 4:00 P.M.

"CPA WEBSITE UPGRADE, DEVELOPMENT, AND MANAGEMENT"

THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) ACCOUNTING OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, DEPARTURE BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING OCTOBER 11, 2024. AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF $100.00 SHALL BE PAID TO CPA BEFORE A BIDDER MAY OBTAIN THE BID PACKAGE. PAYMENTS SHALL BE IN CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD.

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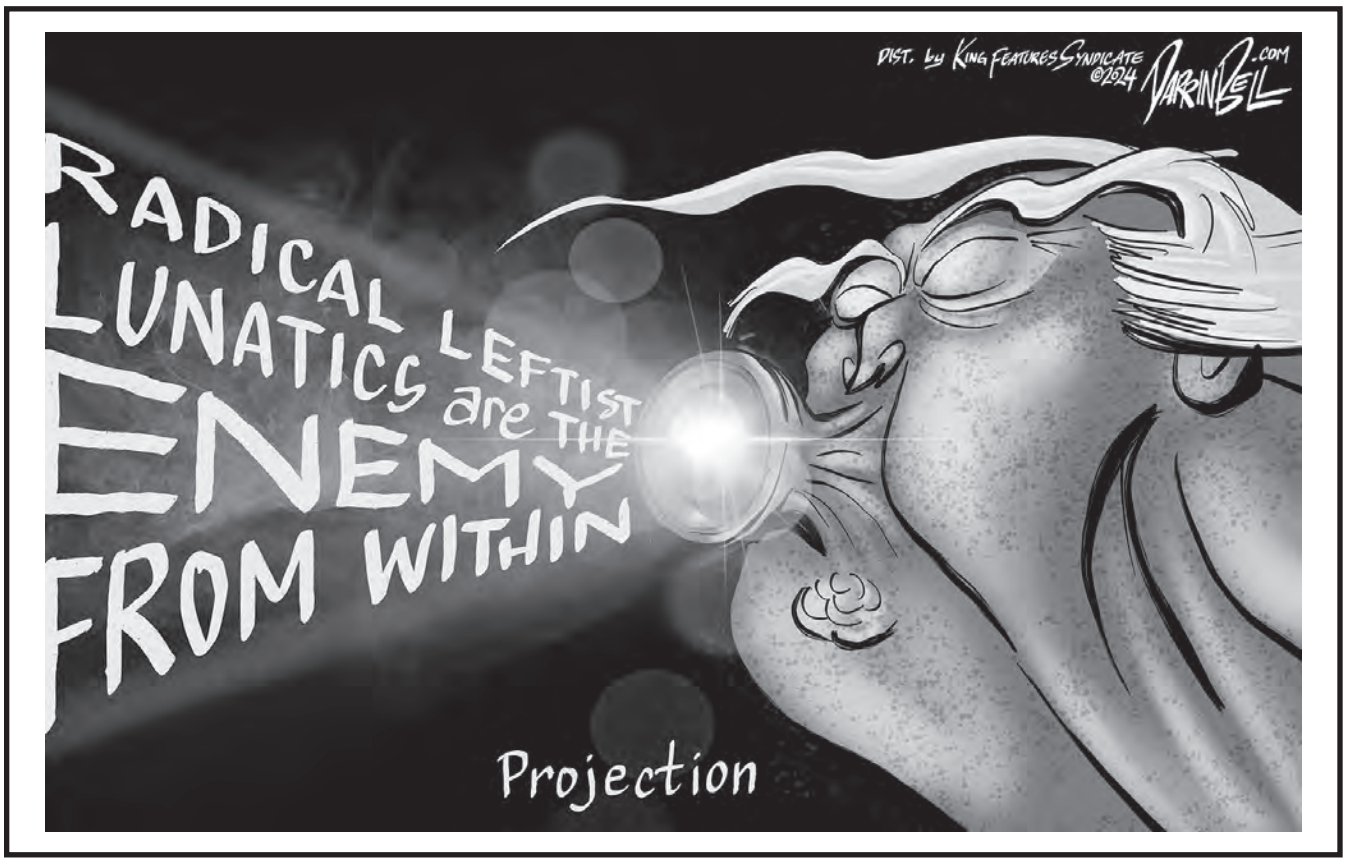

EDITORIAL

How would Jesus vote?

Today, the weight of the pending election is on the minds of many across Central Florida—including those who are sitting in church pews or temples, listening to faith leaders exhorting them (subtly or not so much) to cast their ballots one way or another.

In a perfect—or even functional—society, that sermonizing would prompt an examination of how candidates' conduct and viewpoints align with the core tenets of each voter's faith.

But for a growing number of Americans, this guidance will offer comfort and support that it's OK to vote for people whose morals might appear questionable to the unenlightened. That it's a bad idea to question leaders who exploit their voter-given power to marginalize and scapegoat groups of people as general threats to their own existence, and to paint those who disagree as villainous liars.

That it's acceptable to ignore some of the great principles espoused by the world's religious traditions: To comfort the afflicted, to welcome the stranger, to seek justice, to revere the truth.

This is Christian nationalism at work—in Florida, and across the nation. And there is very little that is Christlike about it. Rather, this is the cancer our forefathers sought to prevent when they created the fundamental firewalls between government and religion—the walls that many of today's leaders are seeking to tear down.

Know them by their works

Not many politicians openly proclaim themselves to be Christian nationalists, but they aren't hard to spot. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is a prime example. He often explains his actions (particularly those that misappropriate funding, incorporate dishonesty or gather power to himself that outstrips the boundaries of his role) by lashing out at some group that has "forced" him into extraordinary action.

Consider his recent veto of the state's entire cultural arts grant program—a move that saved taxpayers a relatively paltry $32 million, but one that has devastated community arts programs including small theaters, visual-arts spaces and music programs. These programs brought joy to many and did no harm; some of them will not survive the loss of funding they depended on. DeSantis explained his actions thusly: A few of the festivals that received the grants sponsored performances that were for adults only. Thus, dozens of unaffiliated groups became sinners in the hands of an angry gov.

That's a relatively mild example. Far worse was DeSantis' use of state resources to lie to Texas-housed asylum seekers (in this country legally), lure them onto planes and abandon them in distant destinations. For those who were paying attention, the residents of Martha's Vineyard provided a perfectly sacred rebuke. DeSantis clearly expected his confused, frightened victims to be rejected with horror.

Instead, the supposed "liberal elite" denizens of the island found them shelter, made sure they had food and sought out places where they could live and work in safety while awaiting the outcome of their requests for refuge from abusive governments. Magnifying his cruelty, DeSantis and like-minded people have repeatedly lied about asylum seekers, branding them as "illegals" who want to sell fentanyl to high-schoolers, rape housewifes and steal jobs from deserving Americans.

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Poisoned, imprisoned and essentially killed by Putin, Alexei Navalny somehow never lost hope

By ROBIN ABCARIAN
Los Angeles Times

If you've ever wondered what it's like to die by nerve agent—the kind of poison Russian President Vladimir Putin is known to use against his enemies—I highly recommend Alexei Navalny's posthumous memoir, "Patriot."

The story begins in the summer of 2020. Navalny, the charismatic Russian opposition leader and anti-corruption crusader, is on a plane en route to Moscow from Siberia, where he had been organizing candidates to run against Putin's United Russia party. He is watching an episode of "Rick and Morty" on his laptop when he is stricken midair. He isn't in pain, but his body and brain just seem to slowly shut down. The physical world no longer makes sense.

Soon, he is on the floor of the plane's galley, lying on his side and staring at a bulkhead. He has been poisoned, he tells a flight attendant, and he is about to die.

"Spoiler alert," he writes. "Actually I didn't."

The plane makes an emergency landing, and after a two-day pressure campaign spearheaded by his wife, Yulia Navalnaya, Russian authorities allow Navalny to be flown to Berlin, where he will spend 32 days in a hospital, 18 of them in a coma.

Unlike in the movies, however, he didn't suddenly wake up.

"The whole process," he writes, "was like a long-drawn-out and highly realistic journey through the circles of hell."

A famous Japanese neurosurgeon was frequently at his bedside. The doctor shared a haiku that he had written in memory of his son, who had died in his arms at the age of 2. The poem so moved Navalny that he cried for days.

Later, Navalny discovered that there was no Japanese neurosurgeon, no dead toddler and no haiku. He had hallucinated the entire episode, even the poem that made him weep.

"When I'm asked what it's like to die from a chemical weapon, two associations come to mind," Navalny writes. "The Dementors from 'Harry Potter' and the Nazgûl in Tolkien's 'Lord of the Rings.' "

His memoir is divided into two parts: an autobiography beginning with his birth in Ukraine and early disillusionment with his government, starting with its lies about the 1986 nuclear catastrophe at Chernobyl, which forced his family to move when he was 10; and a prison diary kept over the course of his three-year confinement at the hands of Putin.

Navalny's enduring idealism, optimism and humor—even as he suffers terribly in a penal colony in the Russian Arctic nicknamed "Polar Wolf"—are striking and inspiring.

"It's a real Russian spring day," he wrote on April 3, 2023. "That is, the snowdrifts are up to my waist, and it's been snowing all weekend."

He fought to stay hopeful, and he refused to let Putin imprison his mind the way he had imprisoned his body in freezing "punishment cells." He called his coping strategy "prison Zen," imagining his incarceration as a kind of "space voyage."

"One day, I simply made the decision not to be afraid," he writes.

After his nine-year sentence for a variety of trumped-up "extremist activities" was extended an additional 19 years, he understood that he would probably die behind bars.

"I knew from the outset that I would be imprisoned for life," Navalny writes, "either for the rest of my life or until the end of the life of this regime."

The Russian authorities announced in February that Navalny had collapsed after a walk and died. No specific cause of death was ever confirmed, but he had been severely weakened by the 2020 poisoning, at least 300 days of solitary confinement in a punishment cell and a lack of adequate medical care.

Navalny could have avoided his imprisonment and death at 47. After he was poisoned, he could have stayed in Germany, or any Western country, with his wife and two children. On principle, however, he returned to Russia, to his country, his home, his mission.

"Our miserable, exhausted motherland needs to be saved," he wrote on the two-year anniversary of his incarceration. "It has been pillaged, wounded, dragged into an aggressive war and turned into a prison run by the most unscrupulous and deceitful scoundrels. ... I'm not going to surrender my country to them, and I believe that the darkness will eventually yield."

Navalny's widow has been promoting "Patriot." She told the BBC that she hopes to return to Russia to carry on her husband's pro-democracy work and run for president one day. Until Putin is gone, however, she would risk meeting the same fate as her husband—arrest, imprisonment and death.

Appearing on "The View" on Thursday, Navalnaya was asked whether she had a message for American voters. Her response was diplomatic: Don't take anything for granted, she said. "You are still living in democratic country ... and just make the right choice."

Her husband was far more pointed in a letter to a friend last year.

"Trump's agenda and plans look truly scary," Navalny wrote. "What a nightmare."

He knew better than most.

Vote or else you know what!

By AMBROSE M. BENNETT
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Ambrose M. Bennett is an economist who minored in sociology, political scientist, a retired teacher, and former CNMI Board of Education member, a James Madison Fellow (U.S. constitutional scholar), a Fulbright-Hays and lifetime humanities scholar who resides in Kagman III in the CNMI.

The truth is we the people need to get out and vote even though this is a midterm election it is still critical to our very future and quality of life. Statistical data has proven that the lower the voter turnout can be equated to the very quality of government as it is directly tied to having an accountable government. If we don't hold those in office accountable on election day then we have not done our job, as citizens have a fiduciary duty to "be informed and vote. So, if you are one who gets in the voting booth and doesn't know who someone is, it can be a good sign not to vote for them or a bad sign that you didn't do your homework as a voter.

At the very top of the ballot is the delegate race, which will determine our future in Washington, D.C. and I don't have to tell anyone how important our fathers in Washington (U.S. Congress) are to the CNMI. This is one election we as people can't mess up and it is going to take real votes to make sure our future in Washington remains bright with the right person replacing Kilili—Propst. But there are also the down ballot races that will determine what happens on Capitol Hill for the people and even the race for president, as there are many local people in the mainland who will be voting for president. Be it local or the mational races, it should be clear that Democrats should be first and foremost in their minds and hearts to vote for, as Chamorros and Carolinians are people of color who would have gone to school with me. So, locals are highly respected by the Democrat Party—the people's party, unlike the Republican Party that are you know what when it comes to people of color.

But unlike the Democrats on the mainland, our Democrats are still falling short when it comes to having a "full slate of candidates," which is one of the main reasons we can't get a liberal Democrat legislature and governor that we need badly to improve the CNMI. If you are sick and tired of our government then get mad at the Republicans who have been in control for the past two decades—heller! We have allowed the GOP conservatism to all but kill our economy and decimated the quality of life and Trump Jr. Ralp proved it! We are no better off than we were 20 years ago and continuing to decline in virtually every walk of life. The only thing being improved that we can see, touch or feel are the streets that is mostly funded by the feds, as the quality of food has declined with us eating New Zealand beef when we are supposed to have a slaughter house on Tinian by now, the cost of living has continued to increase while austerity and taxes are the only plan of Republicans which includes the governor who is really a Republican too. I could go on and on with examples of our decline, but I think most readers will agree we are going backwards, not going forward and still no economic recovery plan. Oh, there are those productive 902 talks but I'm sure most of us with common sense want to see the actual product(s) from these productive talks, if any and I pray we don't get gaslighted!

Voter turnout is key in this election as the Republican base is going to show up and to not go and vote will be like a "gift card" to the very group of politicians who got us into the economic mess and don't have a clue as to how to get us out of this mess—they are not economist and too you-know-what to hire one, it is truly pathetic in this day and age of professionalism and expertise problem-solving. We must begin to turn the page and make sure the writing on the next page will be liberal agendas by and for the people with independents and Democrats and not by and for Republicans—it's just that simple.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support Kimberlyn King-Hinds, candidate for US Congressional delegate

My dear CNMI voters,

I salute the humility and intelligence of our candidates vying for the U.S. Congressional seat. The truth of the CNMI's voice in the nation's capital is that when our vote doesn't matter, it counts; when it matters, it doesn't count.

The working environment inside the beltway of Washington, D.C. requires an individual with tenacity, determination and diplomacy. One must have a thorough understanding of the complexities involved of how the federal system works. A must requisite before you even go there.

I strongly believe that one candidate for U.S. delegate, Kimberlyn King-Hinds, possess these qualities, and more. Kimberlyn brings to the table her established networking connectivity and understanding of our local needs. She has chaired and led regional and international organizations from the West Coast to Taiwan. She has extensive legal experience as a private attorney.

Given her more than a decade-long of interacting with her counterparts during her tenure with our Commonwealth Ports Authority, Kimberlyn has established a positive working relationship with the various staffers and management-officials in the upper echelons of the federal government. To name a few, the USDOT-Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Insular Affairs, and the Department of Health and Human Services. These include good relationship with many entrepreneurs and private businesses.

The need to work "across the aisles" is just as essential. I am confident in Ms. Kimberlyn King-Hinds' capabilities to work with colleagues from the insular areas, the established caucus staffers and civil management folks of lined agencies who work with the relevant ranking congressional committee members. With courage and respect, these are absolute attributes Kimberly does effectively well.

I attest to these. I have worked alongside Kimberlyn on various CNMI confronting issues. I respectfully seek your support and encouragement to vote No. 3 on the ballot for Ms. Kimberlyn King-Hinds for U.S. Congressional delegate. Here your vote undoubtedly matters. Tirow.

Ray A. Tebuteb
Precinct 3 voter

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The only presidential debate this year featured the same callous dishonesty, when former president Donald Trump slandered Haitian immigrants as pet-abducting dog-eaters. The president and his debate-prep team almost certainly knew they were repeating social-media rumors that had already been proven false.

In each of these cases, what side do you think Jesus would have taken? Or Solomon, Mohammed, Buddha? If you need a reference, check out Leviticus 19:34: The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

The truly sad thing is that, even as we write this, we can think of so many other examples where DeSantis, Trump or legislative candidates demonized vulnerable people, usually as a distraction to draw voters' attention away from their own failures to fix property insurance, repair crumbling infrastructure and help Florida's increasingly desperate working class.

Here's just one more: The infamous 2023 hearing of the state House Education Committee, where Rep. Webster Barnaby, R-Deltona, listened to transgender adults and youth plead for protection against invasion into their intimate lives, then responded: "The Lord rebuke you, Satan, and all of your demons and all of your imps will come and parade before us. That's right—I called you demons and imps."

Barnaby is on the ballot Nov. 5, facing Rosemarie Latham, a nurse-practitioner who wants to expand health care to low-income workers. May his cruel pride go before a fall.

Praying to false gods

In a recent edition of the NPR talk show 1A, a panel of experts explored the psychology of Christian nationalism and why so many Americans are seduced into believing that these actions are godly, or even acceptable in a polite society — and how they can revere a creature like Trump, the serial adulterer with a miles-long record of cheating his business partners, exploiting public resources and spewing lies about political rivals. And that was before he became president.

Since then, fact-checking organizations have documented thousands of outright lies—while Trump cosied up to some of the world's cruelest and most oppressive regimes and stood by while a mob broke into the U.S. Capitol in pursuit of his attempt to steal the 2020 election.

None of it seems to matter to the subset of voters who see Trump as their golden idol—capable of no wrong. Others vote for him because they don't care about the lies, and believe he'll be better for their bottom line. Even rational Republicans, who are repulsed by his arrogance and greed, fear to speak up against him.

How can this be? As described by the panelists, it's definitely not by accident. In fact, the current Christian nationalist movement appears to be the end game of a "deeply networked organizational infrastructure" that's been working for years to dismantle critical checks and balances—including the much vaunted separation of church and state, but also reaching to mechanisms intended to keep power distributed and thus, resistant to abuse. In Florida, DeSantis has emasculated the state Legislature and systematically undermined the independence of the court system. Not to sound too conspiratorial, but it's all part of the plan.

Powerful, ultra-conservative ministers are definitely playing their role, lacing their sermons with partisan themes and using political stunts as fundraising props. Groups like the pro-book-banning Moms for Liberty clutch cloaks of virtue while they work to destabilize Americans' perception of what is true and acceptable in society. A close look at the books they've targeted include many that had no whiff of sexual or sinful content. Instead, these stories worked to build empathy and understanding of people who were from other cultures, or related the historic struggle for human equality and dignity.

Removing those books, and rejecting other efforts to foster empathy, makes it easier to vilify groups of people who have few defenses. They are the perfect targets—and having enemies is essential in the Christian Nationalist playbook.

"One aspect of movement that's become much more salient in the last decade or so is the idea of spiritual warfare. This idea that God and Satan are really active and directly involved in American political campaigns, and God has chosen to anoint one candidate. So within this mindset, it's important to understand they see Trump not so much as a politician. They don't look at his personal history, but they see him as an anointed one sent from on high," Katherine Stewart, who recently wrote a book about the movement, told 1A.

To question Trump is to question God. That's the message. It's so wrong, but so powerful.

What voice will you follow?

So how do Christians and other people who are sincere in the core tenets of their faith fight back against this co-opting of religion?

Many local churches are already doing this work. There are pastors in this community who speak compellingly of Christ's imperatives toward kindness, respect and humility. Their congregations work to lift up marginalized people, heal the sick, care for those in need. They pray for justice, and for truth.

They should do more, remembering that Jesus himself was not content just to preach and hope. He was a fiery voice challenging the power structure—a dangerous voice, in the end, but one that has echoed through millennia.

We'll close with something the Rev. Jim Wallis, director of the Center on Faith and Justice at Georgetown University, who has been rebuking the ultra-conservative highjacking of faith for decades:

"Jesus said, you'll know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Now as I dig into that text in times like this, it tells me that the opposite of truth isn't just lies, it's captivity. It's captivity. And a whole lot of people have become captive to these lies."

As they consider their choices in this election, we urge readers of faith to look past the political alliances that have been forged between the powerful elite of this nation and the Philistines who offer to cloak greed and division in Godly vestments. Look to the core works of your faith: The Torah. The Koran. The Bible.

And pray. This nation has never needed it more.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
(October 17, 2024)

Pursuant to Section 5 A. of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("NMHC") Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") Program's Action Plan ("AP"), this is to notify the general public about these proposed substantial and non-substantial amendments to the CDBG-DR AP and afford citizen participation and the opportunity to comment on these proposed amendments.

The general public has thirty (30) days from publication date of this Public Notice to submit comments on these proposed changes to the CDBG-DR AP. Substantial amendments are required when there is a change in program benefit/eligibility criteria, addition/deletion of an activity, or reallocation of substantial amounts.

A substantial amendment will also be required if any program changes exceed five million dollars ($5,000,000). Substantial amendments must provide a reasonable opportunity (at least 30 days) for citizen comment. All changes must be documented by NMHC's CDBG-DR Program to provide both necessary and reasonable justifications. All substantial amendments will include the following:

1. The exact identification of which content is being added, deleted, or changed;
2. A clear description of where funds are moved from/to; and
3. The updated and revised budget after re-allocation of funding.

Conversely, non-substantial amendments to the Action Plan are not subject to citizen participation but NMHC decided to include a non-substantial amendment to the said Plan in this Public Notice for informational purposes only. Furthermore, all action plan amendments will be available via the CNMI CDBG-DR website at www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com and hardcopies may be obtained at any of the NMHC central and CDBG-DR offices located on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota by those who do not have access to the Internet. Notifying the public is of paramount importance as these funds are largely dependent on public participation and the remaining unmet need to be assessed. NMHC will utilize the following avenues/outlets to notify the public of the CDBG-DR Program:

- Notices in the local newspaper
- Radio announcements
- Social media
- CNMI CDBG-DR website

Last, NMHC will take reasonable steps to ensure very low-, low-, and moderate-income persons, including persons with disabilities, the elderly and persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) have meaningful access and an equal opportunity to participate in this important CDBG-DR activity and in accordance to prescribed policies and procedures embedded in the CDBG-DR Program's Citizen Participation Plan. The aforesaid and complete Citizen Participation Plan may be accessed at the CNMI CDBG-DR website: www.cnmi-cdbg-dr.com or found at Subsection 4.E.1. Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of the CDBG-DR Action Plan (pages 72 - 74), as amended. A copy of the Action Plan, as amended by these proposed changes, may be accessed at the CNMI CDBG-DR website at: www.cnmi-cdbg-dr.com or obtained at any of the NMHC offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Proposed changes are highlighted in yellow. The corresponding page numbers reflect the actual page numbers of the most current action plan, as amended and posted on NMHC's CDBG-DR website at: https://www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com/action-plan/action-plan-documents/

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 04

Summary and Modifications

Pursuant to **Subsection 5.D.**[1], the following proposed modifications shall go into effect after the required 30-day public comment period ends and concurrence from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
The proposed modifications, as presented herein, were prompted by the following reason(s):

1. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has determined the necessity to allocate additional funding towards road, power, and water repair projects under the Low Mod Area Benefit (LMA) National Objective. This need stems from the significant damage caused by qualifying storms that have impacted vital infrastructure, disrupting essential services and community functioning. NMHC proposes to reprogram $19,565,454.32 from Public Facilities Activities to Roads Activities ($6,325,166) and Utilities Activities ($13,240,288.32).
2. **Evaluation and Expansion of Projects:** A comprehensive evaluation revealed that the CNMI's infrastructure, particularly in the areas of road and utilities, requires greater diversification and support. The damage assessment, limited resources, and cost of inflation led to the identification of additional projects and additional funding needed on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, which have been severely impacted. These additional projects are crucial to restoring and improving critical infrastructure and services, hence the need to increase the budget allocated for these activities.
3. **Infrastructure Activities for Disaster Recovery:** The Substantial Amendment also allows NMHC to adjust the program's Infrastructure Plan. By reallocating funds, the agency can provide targeted assistance to disaster victims by accelerating the pace of infrastructure recovery. Given the importance of roads, utilities, and basic services to the economic and social stability of the affected areas, modifying the funding allocations is vital for disaster recovery efforts.
4. This amendment is necessary for the CNMI's infrastructures that were greatly impacted by the 2018 storms. In order to target heavily impacted areas and make improvements, NMHC is proposing to amend the CNMI Action Plan to allocate sufficient funding to critical infrastructure projects. Doing so will not only greatly impact the strength and resilience, but also, recovery of the CNMI. NMHC strongly believes that this amendment is necessary and funds will ensure that the resources are appropriately allocated to the most heavily impacted areas.
5. During the planning process, it became clear that the most impacted areas were Saipan and Tinian, and that infrastructure activities on these islands should be prioritized. The scoring criteria established in the action plan (refer to page 51) will guide how projects and activities are selected, with a strong emphasis on the infrastructure's broad benefits across the islands.
   - **Benefit to the Population:** Due to the small size of the CNMI islands, any infrastructure improvements will have widespread benefits for the entire population. Moreover, the high percentage of low- to moderate-income benefit area and over 90% of the population are minority residents ensures that these activities will provide broad, equitable benefits. These factors also ensure economic stability so residents can remain in homes and residences and retain their jobs because the infrastructure is improved. The actual size of the Islands also means that all persons will benefit from most of the infrastructure improvements.
   - **Economic Stability:** Improved infrastructure will play a critical role in ensuring economic stability for residents. Enhanced roads, power grids, and water systems will help maintain residential stability, allowing individuals to retain their homes and jobs, which are key factors in sustaining local economies.
6. The transfer of funds under Substantial Amendment No. 04 is necessary to address the infrastructure challenges exacerbated by recent storms. Without this amendment, NMHC would not have the flexibility to allocate sufficient resources to critical infrastructure projects. By modifying the budget and increasing the available funding for road and utility projects, the CNMI can make measurable progress in recovery, particularly in the areas that have been hit hardest. These improvements are also essential for long-term resilience in the face of future natural disasters.

Given the substantial impact these infrastructure projects will have on both the recovery and future resilience of the CNMI, we strongly believe that this amendment is justified and necessary. The transfer of funds will ensure that resources are appropriately allocated to the most urgent areas, allowing us to support disaster victims and stabilize the affected communities.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CDBG-DR ALLOCATIONS

	Previous Allocation	Change	Revised Allocation
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	$254,324,000		$254,324,000
HOUSING PROGRAMS	$137,923,600		$138,423,600
Homeowner Rehab and Recon	$39,457,033		$39,957,033
Single-Family New Const Dev	$59,009,534		$59,009,534
Affordable Rental Housing Dev	$39,457,033		$39,457,033
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM	$91,279,335		$91,279,335
Port Facilities	$0		$0
Public Facilities	$58,881,508	($19,565,454.32)	$39,316,053.68
Roads	$10,650,000	$6,325,166.00	$16,975,166
Utilities	$21,747,827	$13,240,288.32	$34,988,115.32
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	$8,660,000		$8,660,000
ADMINISTRATION	$12,617,718		$12,617,718
PLANNING	$3,843,347		$3,343,347

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Figure 22. **Proposed Projects and Estimated Budgets.** *This details the specific budgets of HUD-funded activities.*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL ALLOCATION	PERCENT OF TOTAL ALLOCATION BY PROGRAM	TOTAL ALLOCATION BY PROJECT TYPE
HOUSING (includes delivery costs)	$138,423,600		
Homeowner Rehabilitation & Reconstruction	$39,957,033	29%	54%
Single Family New Construction Development	$59,009,534	43%	
Affordable Rental Housing Development	$39,457,033	29%	
SUB TOTAL HOUSING	**$138,423,600**	**100%**	
INFRASTRUCTURE	**$91,279,335**		
Port Facilities	$0	0%	36%
Public Facilities	$39,316,053.68	43%	
Roads	$16,975,166	19%	
Utilities	$34,988,115.32	38%	
SUB TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	**$91,279,335**	**100%**	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	$8,660,000	100%	3%
ADMINISTRATION	$12,617,718	100%	5%
PLANNING	$3,343,347	100%	2%
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS	**$254,324,000**	**100%**	**100%**

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a. Allocation Amount

PROPOSED PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST
Port Facilities	$0
Public Facilities	$39,316,053.68
Roads	$16,975,166
Utilities	$34,988,115.32
TOTAL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$91,279,355
Performance Outcome	About 20-30 public facilities will be assisted

Written comments must reference "CNMI Action Plan – Substantial Amendment No. 04" and are due by November 16, 2024 and may be faxed to Fax No.: (670) 234-9451, mailed to P.O. Box 500514 Saipan, MP 96950, or emailed to cnmi-cdbg-dr@nmhcgov.net.

[1] **A substantial amendment** is defined as a change in program benefit or eligibility criteria; the addition or deletion of an activity; or the allocation or reallocation of a monetary threshold specified by the grantee in its action plan. The CNMI monetary threshold for a substantial amendment is any changes in Action Plan amounts that exceed $5 million. Substantial amendments are changes to an Action Plan which require a 30-day public comment period. All amendments will be listed on the CDBG-DR website sequentially.

COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ)

RFQ25-CHCC/DESIGN BUILD-001

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS DESIGN/BUILD CONTRACTORS FOR COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) is a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). In accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations, CHCC hereby seeks the services of a qualified Contractors to perform Design/Build Services for Projects located at the hospital in Saipan, Clinics in Tinian and Rota. The selected Contractors will be issued a Contract thru RFQ25-CHCC-DESIGN/BUILD-001. These services are in accordance with CHCC's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 140-80.1-250 Pre-Qualification of Contractors and

The Request for Proposals and Scope of Work is available on November 1st, 2024 online at www.chcc.health, navigate to the RFP tab on the left navigation bar, click on the URL for this RFP243-CHCC/DESIGN BUILD-001.

A Pre-conference meeting will be held on November 8th, 2024 at 9:00AM at the Conference Room #2 located in main Executive Office.

Inquiries regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing via email to Ms. Cora P. Ada, Director of Procurement at cora.ada@chcc.health and to Jesse Tudela, COO/Ancillary Director at jesse.tudela@chcc.health no later than November 25th, 2024.

Proposers shall submit proposals and all supporting documents to Corazon P. Ada, Director, CHCC Division of Procurement and Supply, at procurement@chcc.health, no later than: 16300hrs (1630) Chamorro Standard Time on December 4th, 2024.

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
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/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

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AMENDED NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

ON AN APPLICATION FOR A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT AND REBATE OF CERTAIN CNMI TAXES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that:

A. ***Public hearing.*** In accordance with the Investment Incentive Act of 2000, as amended, and pursuant to the rule-making procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) will conduct a public hearing at the *New Cafeteria Building, next to Building D, Marianas High School, Bwaay Lane, Susupe, Saipan, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.,* on the application of *J&P Holdings CNMI LLC,* Applicant, for a Qualifying Certificate, which request is for tax relief by way of abatement and rebate of CNMI taxes in consideration of Applicant's proposed *$8.271,600.00 for a new passenger aviation company on interisland transportation.* All pursuant to the Investment Incentive Act of 2000, as amended, and as set out in the Applicant's application for a Qualifying Certificate.

B. ***Nature of hearing.*** This hearing shall be open to the public. Oral or written statements will be received from anyone wishing to testify thereat, which statement will be incorporated into the records of the hearing. This hearing may also be viewed virtually via **meet.google.com/jyg-sifv-iqz or visit our website at www.developcnmi.com.**

C. ***Further information.*** For further information, please contact CEDA at the above telephone numbers or visit its office at the CEDA Building, 2390 Beach Road, Oleai, Saipan.

/s/ Derek T. Sasamoto
Acting Executive Director

Life & Style

It's spooky season

» Here are some scary stories from around the world you probably haven't heard

By DONNA EDWARDS
Associated Press

Stories of spiritual entities, paranormal activity and creepy cryptids are passed through generations the world over, becoming local legends that only sometimes reach across borders and cultures.

So if the sordid tales you grew up with no longer make you shiver, it's time to reanimate your roster with global tales of ghosts, hauntings, and petrifying processions.

With Halloween nigh, and the season in many parts of the world ripe for campfires and spooky stories, people gravitate toward fear even in a complex and sometimes scary world. Here are some favorites—lore and fiction, with maybe some truth sprinkled throughout—that The Associated Press gathered from its journalists around the planet:

The Philippines: The ghost on Balete Drive

Ask anyone in Manila about Balete Drive and many will associate it with the mysterious "white lady" who appears at night.

The street, named after trees that used to line its sidewalks in suburban Quezon city, has been the subject of scary stories that have been told and retold since the 1950s. There are claims that a beautiful woman with long hair dressed in white would sometimes suddenly appear at night—then just disappear without a trace.

It is said that the sightings were reported by taxi drivers working on late-night shifts. Some claim she would appear asking for a ride and then suddenly disappear from the passenger seat as the vehicle moves. Others say her image would appear at the rearview mirror of drivers driving alone and vanish just as quickly.

"I haven't seen her," says 53-year-old Roberto Perez, who works part-time near Balete Drive, "but when I pass there between midnight to about 1:30, I get goosebumps, so I just quickly turn to another street."

The tale's origins are unknown. There are varying accounts why the ghost appears along Balete Drive, but the most common story is that decades ago, a girl died due to a car accident along the street. Horror movies in the Philippines have been produced based on this urban legend.

—By Celine Rosario in Bangkok and Aaron Favila in Manila, Philippines

China: The corpse walkers

If you were out on the road in China in the old days—if you believe the stories, that is—you might have encountered a strange procession.

First, a man carrying a white paper lantern and scattering fake paper money ahead of them, chanting, "Yo ho, yo ho." Then, a towering, hooded black figure wearing a ghastly mask and marching in an awkward, wooden gait. Bringing up the rear, another man guiding the giant by touch, perhaps with a black cat.

They were corpse walkers—and the giant was the corpse.

Bad things happen when someone gets buried far from home: Without descendants to feed their spirit and keep their grave clean, they'll have a hard time settling in. They could even come back as a hungry ghost. So when a traveler died, the family would hire people who knew the strange art of walking a stiff body home.

When interviewer Liao Yiwu asked about memories of corpse walkers in the 2000s, some said they'd use a black cat to imbue the body with static electricity to make it walk. Others said there was a third man hiding under the cloak and giving the corpse a piggyback ride.

People kept their distance, he wrote, but the corpse walkers were always welcome at inns because they paid three times the normal rate and were said to bring good luck.

—By David Cohen in Bangkok

France: The legend of St. Denis

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	]	Civil Action No. 07-0493
	]	**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
THOMASA AYUYU SAN NICOLAS,	]	
Deceased.	]	Date: November 14, 2024
	]	Time: 10:00 a.m.
	]	Judge: Hon. Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HER ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Claudia SN. Larson, has filed an Amended Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. 15.

A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on **Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 220A, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or her Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Attorney Mark Scoggins at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.

SO NOTICED this 18th day of October 2024.

/S/
HON. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO, Associate Judge
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	]	Civil Action No. 24-0248
	]	**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING and NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
ALEKSANDR BORISOVICH ZYRIANOV	]	
Deceased.	]	Date: December 5, 2024
	]	Time: 10:00 a.m.
	]	Judge: Hon. Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HIS ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Juana (Judi) C. Fujihira, has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule 15, Com. R. Prob.

A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on **December 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 220A, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to Rule 21, Com. R. Prob., notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or his Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Attorney Mark Scoggins at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.

SO NOTICED this October 28, 2024.

/S/
HON. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO, Associate Judge
CNMI Superior Court

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REGULAR MEETING
Friday, November 8, 2024, 11:00 a.m.
Commonwealth Law Revision
SSZ, Guma' Hustisia
Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan

Agenda

1. Preliminary Matters
   a. Call to Order and Roll Call
   b. Proof of Notice of Meeting
   c. Review and Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2024, Regular Meeting
2. Reports of the Executive Director and Committees
   a. Office & Staff Update
   b. Publications & Website
      i. Supreme Court Opinions
      ii. Superior Court Orders
      iii. CMC [Public Law]
      iv. NMIAC [Rules and Regulations]
      v. NMI Reporter
      vi. Driver's Handbook
      vii. Criminal and Traffic Code Supplement
      viii. Website
   c. Sales and Other Reports
   d. Budget and Expenditures
3. Unfinished Business
4. New Business
5. Public Comment
6. Place and Date of Next Meeting
7. Other Matters
8. Adjournment

"Our Lady of Fatima" - District #3
Message of Appreciation
We would like to extend a special appreciation to all the generous donors, business, families, friends and parishioners that donated monetary and or in-kind donation for our 2024 annual village patron fiesta and throughout the month of October nightly rosary to "Our Lady of Fatima" Lady of the Rosary a successful one.
Undankolu na si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisoow, Salamat Po and Thank You!!
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ALTER SERVER-GRER SABLAN
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DORIS ALDAN - TECHA
REGINA CASTRO - TECHA
JANIS MAMIS - TECHA
BEN ALDAN - CHOIR
LOU KISA - CHOIR
BUSINESSES:
LILY MARKET
MING MING SUPERMARKET
HERMAN'S MODERN BAKERY
SAIPAN BOWLING CENTER
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SPOOKY

From page 13

One of France's oldest spooky legends is also one of its most gruesome, because it involves a walking headless corpse.

Said to have been Paris' first bishop, Denis—later St. Denis—went on to lend his name to what is now the northern Paris suburb of Saint-Denis, famous for its magnificent basilica, its soccer stadium and the Olympic village that housed athletes during the Paris Games.

The third-century Roman rulers of what was then Gaul were apparently less than thrilled that Denis and companions Rustique and Éleuthère were making converts. Even after tossing them in prison, Denis continued to celebrate Mass. In some accounts, Denis suffered all manner of unspeakable tortures to make him renounce his faith—not just run-of-the-mill flagellation, but also mauling by famished wild beasts and being locked in a scorching oven.

Eventually, the three were sentenced to death and beheaded.

Legend has it that Denis' corpse, lifted by two angels, picked up his severed head and walked from the Mount of Martyrs—the supposed execution site now called Montmartre — for about 6 kilometers (nearly 4 miles) before collapsing in the village of Catulliacum, now the town of Saint-Denis.

In Montmartre today, Suzanne Buisson Square has a statue of St. Denis holding his head, which he is said to have washed in the waters of a fountain there before staggering away with it.

—By John Leicester in Paris

Mongolia: The death worm

Slithering beneath the vast dunes of the Gobi Desert, legend has it, is the monstrous Mongolian Death Worm. It kills prey by squirting lethal venom and can even electrocute from a distance. So goes the folklore that has since inspired depictions of deadly giant worms in movies and fiction. In Mongolia, the creature is known as olgoi khorkhoi, which roughly translates as "intestine worm."

The critter became known abroad after American paleontologist and explorer Roy Chapman Andrews wrote about it in his 1926 book, "On the Trail of Ancient Man: A Narrative of the Field Work of the Central Asiatic Expeditions." During a meeting with the Mongolian premier, Andrews was asked to capture a specimen of the giant worm.

"None of those present ever had seen the creature, but they all firmly believed in its existence and described it minutely," he wrote. "It is shaped like a sausage about two feet long, has no head nor legs and is so poisonous that merely to touch it means instant death."

Some believe the lore began with a more common animal—a snake called the Tartar sand boa. Others, undeterred, believe the giant worms exists. Subsequent expeditions have yet to yield any proof.

—By Emily Wang Fujiyama in Beijing

Brazil: Bárbara of the Pleasures

It's the turn of the 19th century, and colonial Rio de Janeiro is bustling. There are merchants, vendors, enslaved people, sailors—and a Portuguese immigrant, about 20 years old, named Bárbara. Legend says she stabbed her sleeping husband to run off with a lover, who then began exploiting her. Bárbara killed him, too, and was on her own.

As the story goes, she turned to sex work inside the Teles Arch. The dank, dark passage led off the plaza where the Portuguese emperor sat, and members of the royal court became faithful clients of the beautiful courtesan known as Bárbara of the Pleasures.

But age and disease caught up to her. One chronicler, Hermeto Lima, wrote in 1921 of a hole in Bárbara's nose, her bulging eyes, scratched eyelids and skeletal hands.

To rejuvenate, Bárbara started washing with animal blood. When that failed, it's said, she used blood from infants abandoned in the Wheel of the Exposed — the revolving compartment for foundlings outside a Catholic institution. Between 1738 and 1848, 20,966 babies were left in the wheel, according to text of an imperial ministry report provided by Esther Arantes, a retired professor in the infancy department of the State University of Rio de Janeiro.

Arantes' archival research yielded no evidence of Bárbara, but Rio's rumor mill claimed otherwise:

Whenever someone brought a baby to the wheel, "the miserable woman, like a toad, came out from her hiding place, and ran to steal the child," Lima wrote, adding Bárbara would make sure to drip its blood upon her leprous ulcers.

Bárbara disappeared, but her story lingers. Word is that she still prowls Teles Arch by night, surviving on the blood of babes.

—By David Biller in Rio de Janeiro

Nigeria: Madam Koi Koi

In Nigeria, the "Madam Koi Koi" ghost story from was a nightmare for students in boarding secondary schools.

The "madam" in question often walked around hostels with her red heels, especially at night, the sound of "koi koi" trailing behind her. You dare not come out if anyone raised an alarm that they heard the sound. Sometimes horrified students ran out and hostels were shut until morning, or even for days.

The backstory? No one knows for sure, but one popular theory was that she was fired as a teacher and died days later—vengeful, jobless and sad.

—By Dyepkazah Shibayan in Abuja, Nigeria

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PUBLIC NOTICE

10/04/2024

Notice for Public Comment
Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

Program Year/ IDIS No.	Lorem	Activity Name:	Subrecipient:	Approved Budget:	Proposed Reprogramming Amount:	Proposed Revised Project Budget:	Current IDIS Funded Amount:
	CDBG	PY2021 Unobligated Funds Available to commit			($71,973.83)		
	CDBG	PY2022 Unobligated Funds Available to commit			($19,483.47)		
IDIS#755	CDBG	Kagman Community Park, Phase 2 Project	Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Office (DCCA)/Division of Youth Services (DYS)	$195,766.80	($57,457.34)	$138,309.46	$195,766.80
IDIS# 762	CDBG	Purchase of 2 Rescue Watercraft Vehicles and 2 All Terrain vehicles for the CNMI DFEMS	Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS)	$141,200.00	($6,110.00)	$135, 090.00	$141,200.00
IDIS#760	CDBG	PY2022 CDBG Planning and Administrative Cost		$196,025.00	(49,806.05)	$146,218.95	$196,025.00
IDIS#772	CDBG	PY2023 CDBG Planning and Administrative Cost		$196,025.00	($45,169.31)	$150,855.69	$196,025.00
		Total Reprogrammed from Activities:			**($250,000.00)**		
NEW	CDBG	Purchase of Equipment for Firetruck	Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS)		$250,000.00		
		Total Reprogrammed to Activities:			**$250,000.00**		

Our agency through its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) publishes a "Public Notice" on reprogramming funds over $100,001.00. Therefore, comments from the general public should be submitted to NMHC Central Office located in Garapan, Saipan, and in Rota and Tinian Field Offices, on or before November 6, 2024, no later than 4:30 P.M. You may contact Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Deputy Corporate Director or Ms. Tricia Tenorio @ (670) 234-6866/(670)233-0076

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of November 1, 2024

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

NO.	APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1.	Marianas Surf Skate League, Inc. (MSSL)	9/24/2024 SSLRm-2024-086	Boogie Down Surf Competition	Obyan Beach, Saipan	Shoreline and Lagoon & Reef	Application Tabled* 9/26/2024
2.	Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation (NMNPSF)	10/16/2024 SSLRm-2025-002	2024 Micro Cup	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline and Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 10/18/2024
3.	Department of Community and Cultural Affairs; Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture (DCCA-CCAC)	10/21/2024 SSm-2025-003	Kantan Isla 2024	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 10/23/2024
4.	Department of Public Safety (DPS); Recreational Boating Safety Program	10/22/2024 SSPIm-2025-004	Installation of Signages Beach & Ramp Safety Tips	Smiling Cove Marina, Garapan Fishing Base, Saipan	Shoreline & Ports and Industrial	Approved* 10/28/2024
5.	Sakura CNMI Corporation dba Sakura Marine Sports	10/29/2024 SSm-2025-005	Temporary Beachfront Concession	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Application Under Review*
6.	Vista Homes, LLC.	10/30/2024 SMS-2025-006	Construction of 46-Unit, two story Residential Duplex Apartments	Dandan, Saipan	Major Siting	Application Under Review*

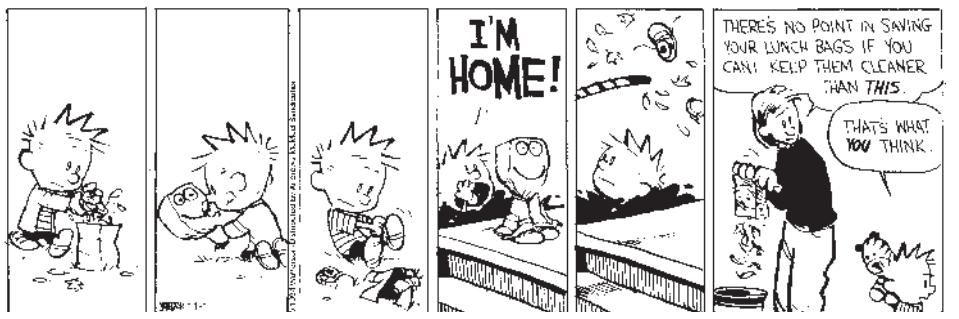
NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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By Jim Davis

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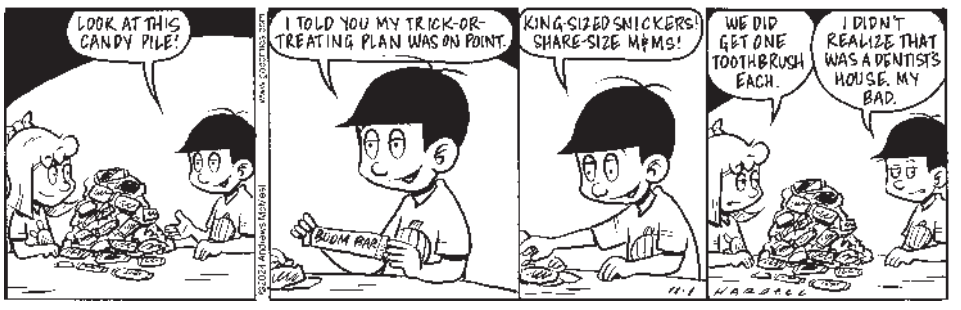
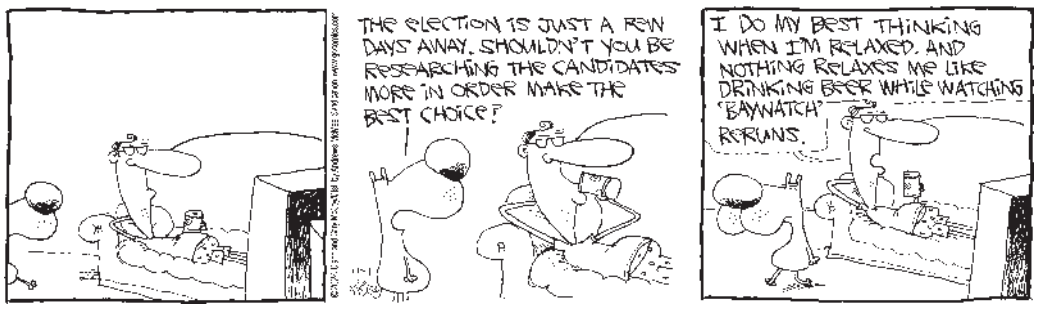

LOOK AT THIS CANDY PILE!
I TOLD YOU MY TRICK-OR-TREATING PLAN WAS ON POINT.
KING-SIZED SNICKERS! SHARE-SIZE M&MS!
WE DID GET ONE TOOTHBRUSH EACH.
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WAS A DENTIST'S HOUSE. MY BAD.
BIDOM BAP!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


THE ELECTION IS JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY. SHOULDN'T YOU BE RESEARCHING THE CANDIDATES MORE IN ORDER MAKE THE BEST CHOICE?
I DO MY BEST THINKING WHEN I'M RELAXED. AND NOTHING RELAXES ME LIKE DRINKING BEER WHILE WATCHING 'BAYWATCH' RERUNS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Existed
4 Bitty biter
8 Sprint
12 Crime lab evidence
13 Yuri Zhivago's love
14 Aware of
15 Rescued
17 Singles
18 Broadcasts
19 Dutch exports
20 Travesty
22 Greek salad cheese
24 Theater award
25 Pop's pop
29 Rushmore face
30 Knightley of "Atonement"
31 Wall St. debut
32 Barkeep's cry
34 "Heyl"
35 Throw hard
36 Moist towelettes
37 Bo Peep's charges
40 Twistable treat
41 Swindles
42 Flip-flop
46 Shoppe description
47 Holiday lead-ins
48 "I love," to Livy
49 Art colony in New Mexico
50 Scurry
51 Remiss

DOWN
1 OED entries
2 Literary collection
3 Job interview topics
4 Blinding light
5 Kvetches
6 "— you there?"
7 Wee bit
8 Gizmo
9 "The King and I" role
10 Flower part
11 "Bonanza" son
16 The "V" of VP
19 Sicilian peak
20 Young horse
21 "Fernando" group
22 Fringe benefit
23 James — Jones voice of Mufasa in "The Lion King"
25 Hiker's equipment
26 Sink fixture
27 Church area
28 Specks
30 Coffee pod
33 School papers
34 Docking spot
36 Take forcibly
37 Highlander
38 Spanish greeting
39 Within (Pref.)
40 Done with
42 Roulette bet
43 Hollywood's Gabor
44 "I — Rock"
45 Bagel topper

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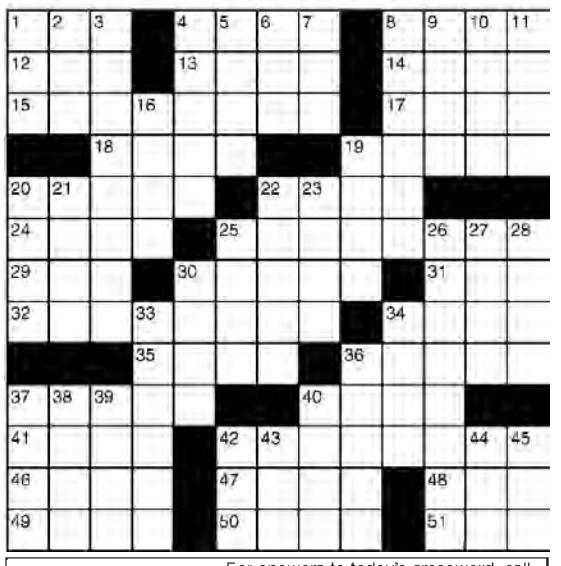
Last Wednesday's answer 11-01



STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call **1-900-226-5955!** 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Toni Collette, 52; Jenny McCarthy, 52; Anthony Kiedis, 62; Lyle Lovett, 67.

Happy Birthday: Take care of loose ends and revamp your timetable to suit your needs. A dedicated attitude will encourage decluttering your life and making room for what matters to you. High energy and the desire and curiosity to gather information and expand interests that enrich your life will uplift and encourage unique friendships and personal growth. An open mind and heart will enable you to experience new places and pastimes. Your numbers are 9, 17, 20, 28, 32, 35, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Spend more time addressing issues that improve your presentation, appearance and approach to life. Refuse to let anyone make choices for you. Set boundaries and do whatever you can to add value to your life. Quality time spent with loved ones will encourage peace of mind. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Get your house in order and ease the pressure that unfinished business can cause. Pay attention to where your money goes. An offer or joint venture may tempt you, but you are best to do the legwork before you proceed. Walk away from anyone putting pressure on you. ✪✪✪.

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Listen attentively, invest time and patience in research, and attend events that offer insight into something that interests you. Refuse to let someone distract you or interfere with your plans. Finish what you start before you participate in something that's bound to suck your energy. Avoid indulgent behavior. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Sign up for something intriguing, and you'll gain insight into alternative ways to use your skills. Turn your passion into something tangible and incorporate something you enjoy doing into a lucrative pastime. Your creative energy is rising, and expanding your vision and attributes will pay off. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Give yourself a chance to think and formulate a plan that encourages getting things done, and you'll avoid criticism. An energetic approach to doing something you enjoy will help broaden your awareness of what's going on in your community that can benefit you. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A change of plans will play in your favor. Feel free to initiate what you want and to take control of situations that help you advance. Learn as you go and pay attention to detail, and you'll gain ground and impress someone who can contribute something unique. Partnerships look promising. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Engage in learning something new. It will spark your imagination and help diversify your skills while differentiating yourself from any competition. Don't let what others do make you lose sight of how talented you are. An opportunity to venture out will be eye-opening but costly. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Dig in, direct your energy and be proud of your accomplishments. Don't let uncertainty get the better of you when dealing with domestic problems, contracts or financial matters. Gather the facts, ask an expert, verify information and put whatever is causing stress behind you. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Consider updating your appearance or how you approach people or do things. Staying in sync with the world around you will help you attract positive attention and give you the edge you need to surpass your expectations. Refuse to let anyone take over or lead you astray. ✪✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't stop; what you can offer will give others a reason to notice. Keep your feet on the ground, have a positive attitude while pressing forward and share your thoughts profoundly. A dynamic approach will captivate the right people if you stick to a narrative you can deliver. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Check out groups or organizations with something of interest that can help you expand or improve your skills, knowledge or experience. Networking functions will offer ideas and connections to help you excel, but refrain from signing up for something prematurely. Not all offers will be a good fit. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Refrain from scattering your energy when you have much to gain if you focus on what's tangible. Consider emotional, financial and contractual matters carefully to ensure you get the returns you deserve. Being too generous or letting others take advantage of you will lead to disappointment. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, encouraging and intelligent. You are supportive and imaginative.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	1	4		6	5		9	
5							1	
	3			7	4		6	
			5		6			
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	2	1	4		8		7	
1		2				3		
8				2			5	
			9					7

Difficulty: ★★★★ 11/1

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Wednesday's Answer

8	6	1	4	7	5	2	3	9
5	9	7	6	2	3	8	4	1
3	4	2	9	1	8	7	6	5
6	5	4	7	9	2	3	1	8
2	8	9	3	5	1	6	7	4
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1	3	6	5	8	4	9	2	7
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Difficulty: ★★★ 10/30

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

JARRING AND PRESERVING Solution: 7 letters

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Dodgers rally to beat Yankees, win World Series

NEW YORK (AP) — You gotta hand it to Freddie Freeman, Shohei Ohtani and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Yankees certainly did.

When New York let LA back into World Series Game 5, the star-studded Dodgers did what they've done all year—kept on going and finished.

After taking advantage of three miscues to erase a five-run, fifth-inning deficit during one of the most memorable midgame meltdowns in baseball history, the Dodgers rallied on sacrifice flies from Gavin Lux and Mookie Betts in the eighth to beat New York 7-6 on Wednesday night.

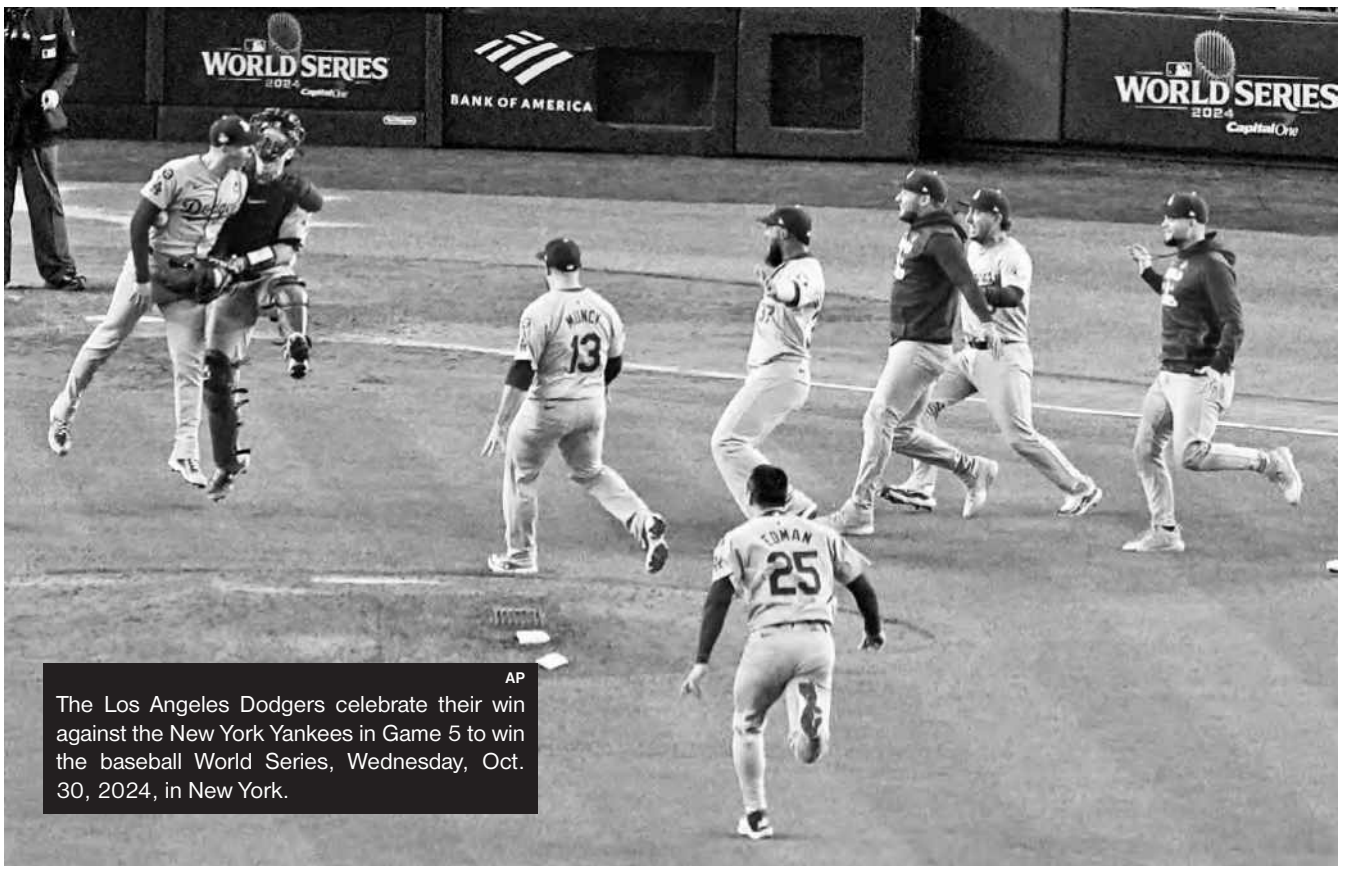
"We're obviously resilient, but there's so much love in the clubhouse that won this game today," Betts said. "That's what it was. It was love, it was grit. I mean, it was just a beautiful thing. I'm just proud of us and I'm happy for us."

Aaron Judge and Jazz Chisholm Jr. hit back-to-back home runs in the first inning for New York. Alex Verdugo's RBI single chased Jack Flaherty in the second, and Giancarlo Stanton's third-inning homer against Ryan Brasier built a 5-0 Yankees lead.

But errors by Judge in center and Anthony Volpe at shortstop, combined with pitcher Gerrit Cole failing to cover first on Betts' grounder, helped Los Angeles score five unearned runs in the fifth.

"This is going to sting forever," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "I'm heartbroken."

After Stanton's sixth-inning sacrifice fly put the Yankees back ahead 6-5, the Dodgers loaded the bases against loser Tommy Kahnle in the eighth before the sacrifice flies off Luke Weaver.



AP

The Los Angeles Dodgers celebrate their win against the New York Yankees in Game 5 to win the baseball World Series, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, in New York.

Judge doubled off winner Blake Treinen with one out in the bottom half and Chisholm walked. Manager Dave Roberts walked to the mound with Treinen at 37 pitches.

"I looked in his eyes. I said how you feeling? How much more you got?" Roberts recalled. "He said: `I want it.' I trust him."

Treinen retired Stanton on a flyout and struck out Anthony Rizzo.

Walker Buehler, making his first relief appearance since his rookie season in 2018, pitched a perfect ninth for his first major league save.

When Buehler struck out Verdugo to end the game, the Dodgers poured onto the field to celebrate between the mound and first base, capping a season in which they won 98 games and finished with the best regular-season record.

» Overcome 5-run deficit with help of errors

With several thousand Dodgers fans remaining in a mostly empty stadium, baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred presented the trophy on a platform quickly erected over second base.

"There's just a lot of ways we can win baseball games," Buehler said. "Obviously the superstars we have on our team and the discipline, it just kind of all adds up."

Shohei Ohtani, the Dodgers' record-setting $700 million signing and baseball's first 50-homer, 50-steal player, went 2 for 19 with no RBIs and had one single after separating his left shoulder during a stolen base attempt in Game 2.

Freddie Freeman hit a two-run single to tie the Series record of 12 RBIs, set by Bobby Richardson over seven games in 1960, and was voted Series MVP. With the Dodgers one out from losing Friday's opener, Freeman hit a game-ending grand slam reminiscent of Kirk Gibson's homer off Oakland's Dennis Eckersley in 1988's Game 1 that sparked Los Angeles to the title.

The Dodgers earned their eighth championship and seventh since leaving Brooklyn for Los Angeles — their first in a non-shortened season since 1988. They won a neutral-site World Series against Tampa Bay in 2020 after a 60-game regular season and couldn't have a parade because of the coronavirus pandemic.

These Dodgers of Ohtani, Freeman and Betts joined the 1955 Duke Snider and Roy Campanella Boys of Summer, the Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale era that spanned the three titles from 1959-65, the Tommy Lasorda-led groups 1981 and '88 and the Betts and Clayton Kershaw champions of 2020.

Ending a season that started with a gambling scandal involving Ohtani's interpreter, Roberts won his second championship in nine years as Dodgers manager, matching Lasorda and trailing the four of Walter Alston. The Dodgers won for the fourth time in 12 Series meetings with the Yankees.

New York remained without a title since its record 27th in 2009. The Yankees acquired Juan Soto from San Diego in December knowing he would be eligible for free agency after the 2024 Series. The 26-year-old star went 5 for 16 with one RBI in the Series heading into what will be intensely followed bidding on the open market.

Judge finished 4 for 18 with three RBIs.

Cole didn't allow a hit until Kiké Hernández singled leading off the fifth. Judge, who an inning earlier made a leaping catch at the left-center wall to deny Freeman an extra-base hit, dropped Tommy Edman's fly to center. Volpe then bounced a throw to third on Will Smith's grounder, allowing the Dodgers to load the bases with no outs.

Cole struck out Lux and Ohtani, and Betts hit a grounder to Rizzo. Cole didn't cover first, pointing at Rizzo to run to the bag as Betts outraced the first baseman.

Freeman followed with a two-run single and Teoscar Hernández hit a tying two-run double. Max Muncy walked before Kiké Hernández grounded into a forceout on Cole's 48th pitch of the inning.

"We just take advantage of every mistake they made in that inning," Teoscar Hernández said. "We put some good at-bats together. We put the ball in play."

Stanton's sixth-inning sacrifice fly off Brusdar Graterol put the Yankees ahead 6-5, but the Dodgers rallied one last time in the eighth.

Freeman wins MVP award after tying record with 12 RBIs for Dodgers

NEW YORK (AP)—When the World Series started, it was hard to figure what Freddie Freeman would be able to provide for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He left no doubt about the MVP winner.

Freeman broke records by homering in the first four games and matched a Fall Classic mark with 12 RBIs to power the Dodgers past the New York Yankees for their second championship in five years.

"That means there was a lot of my teammates on base," Freeman said after being presented with the World Series MVP award, named in honor of Willie Mays. "I'm glad I was able to get hot at the right time."

The popular slugger delivered yet again Wednesday night with a two-run single off Yankees ace Gerrit Cole in a five-run fifth inning that helped rally Los Angeles to a clinching 7-6 victory in Game 5.

Yankees second baseman Bobby Richardson also drove in 12 runs in 1960 against the Pittsburgh Pirates, who won the championship that year on Bill Mazeroski's famous homer that ended Game 7.

Freeman compiled his total in just five games against New York, setting several World Series standards along the way.

The 35-year-old first baseman homered in each of the first four games, becoming the first player to accomplish that feat. The streak began when he launched the first game-ending grand slam in World Series history to win a dramatic opener in Los Angeles.

Freeman's two-run drive in the first inning Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium made him the only player to go deep in six consecutive Series games, dating to the 2021 title he won with Atlanta.

He was robbed of an extra-base hit in the fourth inning of Game 5 when Aaron Judge made a sensational catch of his long drive while crashing hard into the fence.

But the MVP award put a joyous cap on a scary and trying season for the Freeman family. Freeman missed eight games in July and August after his 3-year-old son, Maximus, fell ill while watching his father at the All-Star Game festivities in Texas.

When the family returned home, Max was hospitalized and put on a ventilator after he experienced partial paralysis and breathing difficulty. He was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré, the rare neurological condition that affects the immune system, nerves and muscles.

Max's condition gradually improved, and Freeman returned to work Aug. 5. He was welcomed back by a huge ovation from Dodgers fans that prompted tears from Freeman.

"I wish I'd never had to go through what we did as a family. But ultimately Maximus is doing really, really well right now. He's a special boy, but it has been a grind for three months. It really has. It's been a lot," Freeman said.

"Then obviously with the injuries at the end, it makes it all worth it kind of in the end. I'll never compare Maximus to baseball. I won't. It's just two separate things, but with him doing really well now, it does mean a little bit extra."

Freeman batted .282 this season with 22 homers and 89 RBIs. An eight-time All-Star and the 2020 NL MVP with Atlanta, he is a .300 career hitter with 343 homers, 1,232 RBIs and an .899 OPS in 15 major league seasons. He has hit .300 or better eight times.

Freeman sprained his right ankle on Sept. 26 against San Diego while trying to avoid a tag at first base by Luis Arráez and missed the Dodgers' last three regular-season games. He didn't have any RBIs in the NL Division Series against the Padres and only one in the National League Championship Series against the New York Mets.

Freeman missed three games during the NL playoffs because of his ailing ankle. He didn't play in the NLCS finale against the Mets and had six days off entering the World Series, allowing time for the ankle to feel better.

"I did a lot of work in between the NLCS and the World Series. Thankfully, my ankle got into a good spot where I could work on my swing, and I found a cue that really worked for me," he said. "I was able to slow things down. All you're trying to do is swing at strikes, take balls, and hit the mistakes. Thankfully, I was able to do that for five games."

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts puts Freeman on his Mount Rushmore of favorite players along with teammate Mookie Betts.

"He's got gratitude, the desire to play every day, to know that this is a job and your job is to play and you've got to maximize your value—that's by playing," Roberts said Tuesday. "He's my favorite player to be around as far as what he does for the culture of the organization."

Cavaliers blow out Lakers as Bronny James scores first NBA points

CLEVELAND (AP)—Evan Mobley scored 25 points, Donovan Mitchell added 24 and the Cleveland Cavaliers improved to 5-0 with a 134-110 win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night in a game that included a special homecoming for LeBron James and his son, Bronny.

The win marks the first time the Cavs have started 5-0 since the 2016-17 season, led by LeBron, and the third time in franchise history.

In the final minutes, Bronny played for the second time as a pro and was inserted with 5:16 left. The younger James, who grew up in the arena, made a 14-foot jumper with 2:03 to play for his first NBA points.

Jarrett Allen added 20 points and 17 rebounds for Cleveland.

LeBron scored 26 and Anthony Davis had 22 and 13 rebounds for the Lakers, who were unable to cut into Cleveland's lead after falling behind by 23 in the first half.

A slow start proved costly, resulting in a second straight loss. First-year coach JJ Redick is still learning about his team.

Cleveland is playing at a faster tempo this season under new coach Kenny Atkinson, who has stressed ball movement and pushing the pace offensively.

Mitchell dropped back-to-back 3-pointers as the Cavaliers made four treys in a span of 1:45 in the first quarter to open a 19-point lead after one.

Coming off the bench early when Darius Garland got two early fouls, Caris LeVert scored 16 with six assists. ... Despite the loss, LeBron has done well against the Cavaliers, going 19-4 against them with Miami and L.A.

AP

Los Angeles Lakers guard Bronny James, center, and forward LeBron James, right, watch from the bench with guard Dalton Knecht, left, in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Cleveland Cavaliers, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, in Cleveland.

HORNETS 138, RAPTORS 133

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Tre Mann scored 27 points off the bench, Nick Richards had 24 points and 14 rebounds and Charlotte defeated Toronto for their first home win of the season.

Cody Martin had a career-high 25 points, and LaMelo Ball scored 19 for Charlotte, which allowed a 23-point first half lead to evaporate before recapturing it with a 12-0 run to end the third quarter.

RJ Barrett had 31 points, Gradey Dick had a career-high 30 and Jakob Poeltl had 20 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Raptors, playing without Scottie Barnes.

The Hornets got 72 points from their bench, 69 from Mann, Martin and Grant Williams, who had 17.

PISTONS 105, 76ERS 95

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Tobias Harris had 18 points and 14 rebounds in his Philadelphia return and Detroit won for the first time in five games this season.

Harris joined Detroit—14-68 last season—in the offseason as a free agent after six seasons with the 76ers. Jaden Ivey scored 23 points for the Pistons, Cade Cunningham added 22 and Tim Hardaway Jr. had 16.

Philadelphia (1-3) trailed by 21 in the second half in its fourth game without All-Star Joel Embiid (left knee injury maintenance) and Paul George (left knee bone bruise).

Tyrese Maxey led the 76ers with 32 points on 12-of-25 shooting. Kelly Oubre Jr. had 13 points, and Jared McCain added 12.

WIZARDS 133, HAWKS 120

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bilal Coulibaly scored a career-high 27 points, and Washington beat Atlanta for the second win over the Hawks in three days.

The Wizards swept the home-and-home series with the Hawks after a 121-119 win over Atlanta on Monday. Trae Young had 35 points and 15 assists for Atlanta, but Washington took control with a 16-4 run at the start of the fourth quarter.

Atlanta was missing two starters in Dyson Daniels (right hip) and De'Andre Hunter (right knee), plus Bogdan Bogdanovic (right hamstring). Washington was without starting forward Kyle Kuzma (right groin).

KNICKS 116, HEAT 107

MIAMI (AP)—Karl-Anthony Towns had 44 points and 13 rebounds, Jalen Brunson scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half and New York rallied to beat Miami.

Towns had the fourth-most points for the Knicks against the Heat. Jamal Crawford scored 52 in 2007, Carmelo Anthony had 50 at Miami in 2013 and RJ Barrett 46 in 2022.

Mikal Bridges added 17 points for New York, which trailed by 13 in the third quarter before flipping the game. OG Anunoby had 11 points and Josh Hart finished with 10 points, 14 rebounds and six assists.

Tyler Herro had 34 points for Miami, hitting eight 3-pointers. Terry Rozier scored 16 points, Jimmy Butler had 15, Bam Adebayo 11 and Nikola Jovic 10.

Miami was again without Kevin Love. He has missed all four games this season for personal reasons.

PACERS 135, CELTICS 132, OT

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Pascal Siakam scored the last of his 29 points on a 3-pointer with 6.1 seconds left in overtime to give Indiana a victory over previously unbeaten Boston.

Siakam tied his single-game career high with six 3s and grabbed 11 rebounds. Bennedict Mathurin scored 21 of his 30 points in the second half, and Tyrese Haliburton had 17 points and 12 assists.

The victory ended Indiana's three-game losing streak.

Boston charged back from a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to force overtime and led 132-130 after Derrick White's layup with 39.7 seconds to go. But Indiana scored the final five points to win.

Jayson Tatum led the Celtics with 37 points. Jaylen Brown added 25 points and had a chance to tie the score but his 3 in the waning seconds was off the mark. White finished with 23 points in the first matchup between these teams since Boston swept Indiana in last season's Eastern Conference finals.

BULLS 102, MAGIC 99

CHICAGO (AP)—Coby White scored 21 points, Josh Giddey added 20 and Chicago beat Orlando.

Nikola Vucevic added 18 points and 14 rebounds in Chicago's second-straight win.

Paolo Banchero scored 31 points for Orlando two days after scoring 50 against the Pacers, but it wasn't enough. Jalen Suggs, who missed a fading jump shot in the final seconds, had 17.

The Bulls shot 3 for 15 in the fourth quarter but held on after Orlando shot 4 for 22 in the final quarter. Both teams combined for 28 points in the fourth.

The Magic led by as many as 20 points in the first half, but Chicago came back with a 12-3 run late in the second quarter. Banchero had 20 in the first half to help the Magic take a 62-52 lead to intermission.

NETS 119, GRIZZLIES 106

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Dennis Schroder had 33 points and eight assists, Cam Thomas added 19 points and Brooklyn beat Memphis.

Ziaire Williams, who started his NBA career with Memphis before an offseason trade, had 17 points.

Jaren Jackson Jr. led Memphis with 30 points, connecting on 10 of 12 shots, including all three of his 3-pointers. Ja Morant had 14 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds, but was 5 of 16 from the field and made only one of his six shots from outside the arc.

Rookie Zach Edey and Brandon Clarke each finished with 13 points, Clarke making all five of his shots. The Nets had 22 turnovers.

NBA BRIEFS

Second gambler admits trying to cash in on scheme involving ex-NBA player Jontay Porter

NEW YORK (AP)—A Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty Wednesday in a sports betting scheme that ended Toronto Raptors forward Jontay Porter's NBA career. With Mahmud Mollah 's plea Wednesday, three people—including Porter—have now publicly admitted their roles in the scandal. It worked like this: The player withdrew early from games so that tipped-off gamblers could win wagers that he would score fewer points than sportsbooks expected. Porter, Mollah and Long Phi Pham have pleaded guilty to wire fraud conspiracy. Two other men also have been charged and haven't entered any pleas. Mollah, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, is set to be sentenced May 2 in a federal court in Brooklyn. He could face anything from a no-jail punishment to 20 years in prison. His attorney, Andrew Levin, declined to comment Wednesday. Porter played only briefly and scored no points in games on Jan. 26 and March 20 before pulling himself out of play, saying he was injured or ill. According to a court complaint, Mollah used his knowledge of Porter's March 20 plans to place bets that would have netted over $1 million to be split among the conspirators, including a 24% share to the player. But a betting company got suspicious and stopped Mollah from collecting most of the money. The NBA ultimately investigated and banned Porter for life. He later told a court that he participated in the scam "to get out from under large gambling debts." Porter is awaiting sentencing Dec. 18.

Curry will miss at least two games for Warriors with left ankle injury

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Stephen Curry will miss at least the next two games for the Golden State Warriors nursing an injured ankle that he hurt in a loss to the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday night. Curry had an MRI exam after the game and it showed no structural damage and revealed a left peroneal strain. The team said he would be reevaluated Friday. Golden State plays consecutive home games Tuesday and Wednesday against the New Orleans Pelicans. Their next game after Curry is examined again is Saturday at Houston. Curry exited for good with 7:55 remaining in the fourth quarter of a 112-104 defeat. Curry had briefly returned to the game with 8:08 to play and was along the key being defended by Kris Dunn when he cut away from Dunn toward the baseline and reinjured the ankle when it appeared to roll outward. It happened near the end of Golden State's bench and he limped into the tunnel that goes to the locker room. It was at the 2:43 mark of the third quarter when Curry initially hobbled to the bench and sat the remainder of the period. The two-time MVP and NBA all-time 3-point leader finished with 18 points, six assists and four rebounds, shooting 6 for 11 with four 3-pointers. The 36-year-old Curry is beginning his 16th NBA season and has dealt with regular ankle issues on both feet. Also Monday, the Warriors said guard De'Anthony Melton underwent an MRI on his strained lower back after Sunday's game and he doesn't have any structural damage. He also will be reevaluated on Friday.

A record-tying 9 teams have lost at least 6 games in first 8 weeks

By JOSH DUBOW
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The NFL has been on a race to the bottom this season.

A record-tying nine teams already have lost at least six games in the first eight weeks of the season, and many fan bases already have turned their focus from playoff races to draft prospects and positioning.

The only other season when nine teams lost at least six times in the first eight weeks came in 2000.

Miami can join that group with a loss on Sunday in Buffalo after having an early bye in Week 6, which would tie the 2000 season with 10 teams starting 2-6 or worse.

The AFC East has three of the bottom dwellers, with the New York Jets and New England Patriots at 2-6 and the Dolphins at 2-5. That has allowed the Bills (6-2) to become the eighth team since the 2002 realignment to have at least four more wins than every other team in the division after the first eight weeks.

There are two other divisions with two teams with at least six losses, with Jacksonville (2-6) and Tennessee (1-6) at the bottom of the AFC South, and New Orleans (2-6) and Carolina (1-7) at the bottom of the NFC South.

The Saints are there despite winning their first two games of the season, becoming the ninth team in NFL history to follow up a 2-0 start with at least six straight losses.

AP

New York Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers, right, is brought down by New England Patriots linebacker Christian Elliss, left, in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, in Foxborough, Mass.

The other struggling teams are Cleveland (2-6), Las Vegas (2-6) and the New York Giants (2-6).

How'd that happen?

The Detroit Lions blowing out the hapless Tennessee Titans was hardly a big surprise.

How it happened was extremely unusual.

The Lions beat the Titans 52-14 on Sunday despite being held to 225 yards of total offense and 61 net yards passing. That's the fewest yards of offense for any team that scored at least 50 points in a game since at least 1948 and the fewest net passing yards for a team in a 50-point outburst since the New York Giants had 51 in a 55-20 victory over the Baltimore Colts on Nov. 19, 1950.

Detroit scored on a 90-yard punt return by Kalif Raymond and had five of its six TD drives on offense start inside the Tennessee 30 following three turnovers, another long punt return by Raymond and a 72-yard kickoff return by Khalil Dorsey.

Jared Goff had three TD passes on his 15 attempts that went for 85 yards (four sacks lowered Detroit's net yards passing total). It was the fewest yards passing a three-TD game since New England's Steve Grogan did it with 83 yards against the Jets in Week 11 of the 1976 season.

For the game, the Titans outgained the Lions by 191 yards—the largest yardage advantage for a team that lost by at least 26 points since at least 1948.

Cousins cruises

Kirk Cousins must be sad to see the Tampa Bay Buccaneers off the schedule.

Cousins picked apart the Bucs for a second time this season in a 31-26 win on Sunday that gave the Atlanta Falcons a series sweep.

Cousins followed his 509-yard, four-touchdown performance in an overtime win at home in Week 5 by throwing for 276 yards and four TDs in the rematch on Sunday.

Cousins became the fourth player on record to throw for at least 750 yards with at least eight TD passes against one opponent in a season, joining Hall of Famers Joe Montana, Dan Marino and Y.A. Tittle.

Montana did it in 1990 for San Francisco against Atlanta with 874 yards and eight TDs, two years after Marino had 874 yards passing and eight TDs for Miami against the Jets.

Tittle had his outburst in 1962, when he had 761 yards and 10 TDs for the New York Giants against Washington.

All or nothing

The Indianapolis Colts are putting a halt to the all-or-nothing experiment with Anthony Richardson.

The Colts benched the No. 4 overall pick from the 2023 draft, according to two people with knowledge of the decision who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday because the team had not announced the change.

The move came after Richardson went 2 for 15 in the first half last week against Houston. Richardson finished the game 10 for 32, dropping his completion percentage this season to 44.4%.

Only one player has posted a lower mark for an entire season in the last 20 years with at least 100 attempts, with Josh Freeman completing 42.9% of his passes in 2013 with Tampa Bay and Minnesota.

But Richardson was able to deliver big plays; he is tied for the league lead with four pass plays that gained at least 50 yards, with seven completions thrown at least 25 yards downfield.

That has contributed to a 16.2 average yards per completion that would rank second-highest of any player since 1990 with at least 100 attempts in a season, behind Chris Chandler's 16.6 in 1998.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	1	.800	–
New York	2	2	.500	1½
Brooklyn	2	3	.400	2
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2½
Toronto	1	4	.200	3
Southeast Division				
Orlando	3	2	.600	–
Miami	2	2	.500	½
Charlotte	2	2	.500	½
Washington	2	2	.500	½
Atlanta	2	3	.400	1
Central Division				
Cleveland	5	0	1.000	–
Chicago	3	2	.600	2
Indiana	2	3	.400	3
Milwaukee	1	3	.250	3½
Detroit	1	4	.200	4
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Dallas	3	1	.750	–
Houston	2	2	.500	1
Memphis	2	3	.400	1½
New Orleans	2	3	.400	1½
San Antonio	1	3	.250	2
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	4	0	1.000	–
Denver	2	2	.500	2
Minnesota	2	2	.500	2
Portland	2	3	.400	2½
Utah	0	4	.000	4
Pacific Division				
Golden State	4	1	.800	–
Phoenix	3	1	.750	½
L.A. Lakers	3	2	.600	1
L.A. Clippers	2	2	.500	1½
Sacramento	2	2	.500	1½

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in the 20th when Christine Noble found the back of the net to cut the lead in half, 1-2.

But the pink team went on to add two more goals for a 4-1 lead. Kanoa's second goal was their last hurrah from Noble in the 42nd as they failed to produce before time ran out.

Also in the B Division, MP United Blue slipped past Latte FC, 2-1.

The blue team drew first blood just four minutes into the game from a goal by Luisa Camacho, but Latte's Jaycie Jones tied it up in the 23rd.

It was anybody's game from there, as the battle for possession and the upper hand raged on for the rest of the matchup—until MPU Blue's Kimberly Palacios delivered the winning blow in the 63rd minute. They held on to win 2-1, as Latte's efforts slipped away along with the minutes that dwindled into seconds.

In the other A Division match, Paire shut down Latte, 3-1. In other results of the B Division, Matansa FC 1 and 2 ended in a 2-2 draw, and Shirley's trounced Paire, 3-0. In the Masters Division, Latte FC slipped past Shirley's FC, 1-0, and Paire FC outgoaled Matansa, 1-0; in the Marianas Soccer League 2, Old B Bank edged Paire, 2-1; Kanoa silenced Shirley's, 8-0; and in MSL 1, Matansa overpowered Kanoa, 3-1.

TANHOLDINGS

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vision entries is this Saturday by 6pm.

There are 15 titles up for grabs in the youth division, while there are 21 titles in the adult division.

In the girls 10 division, Fiona Yu is the top seed, while no. 2 is Aileen Yujung Kim.

Seung Woo Lee is the top seed in the boys 12 division. No. 2 is Cooper Koning Fong.

In the boys 14 division, Matthew Hwang is the top seed. Guam's Eddie Calvo has the No. 2 spot.

Si Woo Lee has the top spot in the boys 18 division, while Simon Tang is in the No. 2 spot.

And Anne Lee is the player to beat in the girls 18 division, while no. 2 is Hannah Chae.

The players, seeding, and matchup of the rest of the divisions have yet to be determined at press time.

Last year, Anne Lee won the girls 18 championship; Stella Choi was the girls 16 champion; Fiona Yu topped the girls 10 division; Nason Wessel was the boys 16 division champion; David Kwon won it all in the boys 18 division; Ryan Choi won the boys 14 championship; Seungmin Jang was the boys 10 division champion; and Minjoon "Michael" Jeon won the boys 12 division.

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The classic had a year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic and made a return in 2021.

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beginners. The rules are simple: national players cannot guard new players, and fastbreak plays and full court presses are not allowed.

Interested but don't have a team? Contact Irish Pagarao at (670)285-1138.

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Bwi Baller's Marlene Lumabi sets up the play during their game in the 2024 Women's Basketball League at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai last Sunday.

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Her-icane's Asia Hilario runs down the court during their game in the 2024 Women's Basketball League at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai last Sunday.

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MP United brings down foes in Dove League

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MP United Pink's Pia Ngewakl, right, is off balanced as she goes after the ball during their game in the 2024 Fall Dove Women's League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sunday.

NMIFA

Cassie Camacho from MP United Blue, center, goes after a loose ball during their game in the 2024 Fall Dove Women's League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sunday.

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MP United Football Club dominated their respective divisions in the 2024 Fall Dove Women's League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sunday.

MP United Pink faced off against sister team MP United Blue and was the better club as they blanked them, 5-0, in the A division.

It didn't take long before the pink team found an opening as Pia Ngewakl put them up early, 1-0, in the fourth minute. From there, both teams exchanged blows, with no result until MPU Pink's Moriah Sablan doubled their advantage, 2-0, in the 24th.

It was all the pink team from there despite a quiet rest of the first half. However, MPU Pink's Amy Cabrera slotted one in the 44th to put them up by 3. Then, Ngewakl ran through the pitch like her life depended on it and scored her second goal in the 61st, and capped off their win with a hat-trick just six minutes later.

As for the B Division, MP United Pink doubled Kanoa FC's score and won, 4-2.

It was a battle of colors as the pink team took on the orange of Kanoa, with MPU Pink's Kiara Borja splashing their opponents' goal just two minutes in for a 1-0 lead.

Before Kanoa could retaliate, Britney Gopez made it 2-0 in the 12th. Kanoa put up a fight and finally got something to show for their attacks

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TanHoldings Tennis Classic this weekend

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The 14th TanHoldings Tennis Classic 2024 is set to kickstart today for a two-weekend tourney at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

The first week of matches is the youth division from age groups 10-18 that is scheduled to start today, Friday, Nov. 1, to Sunday, Nov. 3.

Then, the adults are getting their turn under the spotlight as their division begins their matches next Friday, Nov. 8, to Sunday, No. 10.

The deadline for adult di-

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File photo shows NMI's Hoo Wang going for a return during her game against NMI's Hannah Chae on the first day of the International Tennis Federation J30 Junior World Ranking Tournament last May at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan tennis courts.

Her-icanes storm past Bwi Ballers, 36-34

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Team Her-icanes stormed past the Bwi Ballers in a close 36-34 game in the 2024 Women's Basketball League at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai last Sunday.

Both teams were evenly matched from the opening jump ball and quickly it was all knotted up, 6-6, from back-to-back 3s by the Bwi Ballers' Britney Gopez. But Her-icanes had a more well-rounded lineup and used their height to their advantage to pull away, 16-8, with 12 minutes left in the first half.

Bwi Ballers didn't let the 8-point deficit get to them though and inched closer, 10-16. From there, both teams stagnated after a shot by Her-icanes' Rachel Langu to make it 18-10. Their defenses strengthened and it was an 18-10 game until finally, Her-icane's Kaia Travilla sank a basket with six minutes left.

It was a much closer game in the second half as Bwi Ballers' went for a rally. Until the last minutes of the game, both teams were deadlocked until Her-icanes' Mikki Kautz delivered the 2 points needed to take the win, 36-34.

In the other games that day, Katinko Queens ran to victory, 29-17, over Alley Oops, and Prime 1 defeated Prim 2, 19-14.

The friendly league is a mix of NMI Women's National Basketball Team players and

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LEIGH GASES

Bwi Ballers' Sylvina Simram, left, goes up against Her-icanes' Rachel Langu during the opening jump ball of their game in the 2024 Women's Basketball League at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai last Sunday.